

Procurement of Criminal Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from 1 April 2017

Amendment Notice with effect from 4 August 2016

On 21 July 2016 the LAA published an invitation to tender for 2017 Standard Crime Contracts on its eTendering portal.

In accordance with paragraph 9.14 of the Information for Applicants document, ("IFA") Applicants are notified that the LAA has amended the IFA, Birmingham Duty Information Form ("DIF"), Bristol DIF, Cambridge DIF, Nottingham DIF, Wales DIF and Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool to correct the errors as detailed below:

- 1. Annex A of the IFA; to amend the Black Country Scheme information to reflect changes in coverage and to provide further information about the work available under this Scheme.
- 2. Birmingham DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Birmingham Individual Bid ITT.
- 3. Bristol DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Bristol Individual Bid ITT.
- 4. Cambridge DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Cambridge Individual Bid ITT.
- 5. Nottingham DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Nottingham Individual Bid ITT.
- 6. Wales DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Wales Individual Bid ITT.
- 7. Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool; to amend eligibility for Schemes operating in Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Nottingham and Wales.
- 8. Supervisor Declaration Form (Prison Law): to amend the format to enable editing of the document.

Version 3 of the IFA and the DIFs reflecting the amendments referred to in this amendment notice are available via the 'Buyer Attachments' link within relevant Individual Bid ITTs in the eTendering system relating to the procurement of Criminal Legal Aid services in England and Wales from 1 April 2017. The IFA is also available on the <u>Gov.uk</u> website.

Version 2 of the Supervisor Declaration Form (Prison Law) can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-crime-contract-2017

Requirements upon Applicants

Applicants are required to refer to the third version of the IFA, Birmingham DIF, Bristol DIF, Cambridge DIF, Nottingham DIF and Wales DIF in preparing their Tender.

Applicants will not be affected if they have not yet submitted a response to the affected Individual Bid ITTs.

Applicants that have already submitted or started to complete the DIF for the Birmingham, Bristol and Wales Individual Bid ITTs must ensure that they submit version 3 of the affected DIFs with their response.

If an Applicant submits version 1 or version 2 of the Birmingham DIF, Bristol DIF, Cambridge DIF, Nottingham DIF or Wales DIF, the consequence will be that the Applicant may not be able to apply for Schemes operating in the affected Individual Bid ITTs.