



## **Civil news: Further tender opportunity planned for 2024 Standard Civil Contract.**

The 2018 Standard Civil Contract will expire on 31 August 2024 and the Legal Aid Agency (LAA) opened a tender opportunity on 13 September 2023 to deliver publicly funded civil legal aid services from 1 September 2024 under the 2024 Standard Civil Contract (2024 Contract).

The LAA will be inviting **additional** tenders to providers who have not yet bid and for those who were unsuccessful in the initial tender for the 2024 Contract.

**Providers do not need to submit a response to this procurement process in the following circumstances:**

- **those who have been notified of a successful outcome of their 2024 Standard Civil Tender through the eTendering message board; and**
- **those who are not seeking to deliver Contract Work in additional Categories of Law and/or from additional offices/Procurement Areas**

The LAA intends to award contract work under this process to commence on or around 1 September 2024, however, it cannot guarantee this date and the actual date contract work may commence could be later. Further details on commencement will be provided when the procurement exercise opens.

This exercise will cover the following Categories of Law:

- Family.
- Housing and Debt and Welfare Benefits.
- Immigration and Asylum (including work at Immigration Removal Centres (IRCs)).
- Mental Health.
- Community Care.
- Claims Against Public Authorities.
- Clinical Negligence.
- Public Law.
- Family Mediation.
- Education; and
- Discrimination.

Alongside tenders for the above Categories of Law, applicants may also tender to deliver the Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service (HLPAS). It is intended that HLPAS contract work awarded under this exercise will commence as soon as possible after 1 September 2024. This opportunity will be **restricted to the following areas only:**

- Barnstaple, Torquay & Newton Abbott
- Blackpool, Preston
- Crewe
- Lancaster



- St Helens
- Taunton, Yeovil
- Wigan

All organisations that meet the minimum contract requirements can tender to deliver services under a 2024 contract. You do not need to be a current legal aid provider to tender for this opportunity.

All organisations that successfully tender will be awarded a 2024 contract and there is no limit to the number of 2024 contracts that may be awarded under this process.

### Length of contract

It is intended that the contract will run for a period of 12 months from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. There is the option to extend the contract by up to a further 3 years.

### Tender process

The tender process will assess an organisation's suitability to contract with us, as well as an organisation's ability to meet our minimum service requirements.

Applicants will be required to complete and submit:

- a response to the Selection Questionnaire Invitation to Tender (SQ ITT); **and**
- a response(s) to the relevant Award Invitation To Tender (Award ITT); **and**
- (where applicable)** a response to the relevant HLPAS Area Invitation To Tender (HLPAS ITT).

Tenders must be submitted using the [LAA's eTendering system](#) and must be submitted by **5pm on Monday 22 April 2024**.

All Applicants must submit a Response to this SQ ITT, regardless of whether they have previously submitted a SQ Response as part of any other procurement process. Applicants must ensure that they also complete and submit a response to each relevant ITT.

### Proposed Timetable

We anticipate that the activity relating to the procurement process will broadly follow the timetable set out below, however, updates will be published in the Information for Applicants.

Tender opportunity opens	18 March 2024
Tender opportunity closes	22 April 2024