

**Invitation to tender to deliver publicly funded criminal defence services in England and Wales under the 2010 Standard Crime Contract**

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS**

On 15 February 2010 we published on our eTendering website the Information for Applicants (IFA) for those interested in responding to our Invitation to Tender to deliver publicly funded criminal defence services in England and Wales.

In accordance with our power under paragraphs 12.22 and 12.25 of the Conditions of Tender in the IFA, we have:

(i) amended two Activities and Dates outlined in Paragraph 3.11 of the IFA entitled "timelines". These now read:

Activity	Date
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Notification of outcome of PQQ and CDS ITT assessment issued. Successful Applicant Organisations will also receive the Contract for Signature (including Annex) that will outline the work they will be authorised to undertake under the 2010 Standard Crime Contract from the Contract Start Date	From 26 March 2010
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2010 Standard Crime Contract Schedules issued to successful Applicant Organisations	August 2010

(ii) amended the Contract for Signature (including annex). We have: -

(a) changed the heading of Paragraph A of the Annex from "Schedules" to "Authorised CDS work";

(b) removed the Schedule number box from the table in Paragraph A of the Annex;

(c) provided an explanation for Paragraph A of the Annex;

(d) provided an explanation for Paragraph B of the Annex under the table which relates to the Contract Liaison Manager;

(e) provided an explanation for Paragraph D of the Annex under the table which relates to the Predecessor Bodies.

The IFA and Contract for Signature on our website [www.legalservices.gov.uk](http://www.legalservices.gov.uk) has been updated today to reflect the current position.

Legal and Governance Team  
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