<u>News story: Civil news: 2018 contract</u> <u>tender deadlines now approaching</u>

We published answers to questions received from organisations in the following areas in the week beginning 30 October 2017:

- selection questionnaire
- face to face 2018 contracts
- 2018 Civil Legal Advice (CLA) specialist telephone advice contracts.

These are available on GOV.UK on our tender page in the form of 'frequently asked questions' (FAQ) documents.

The deadline for submitting questions about these parts of the tender process was 19 October.

The deadline for questions about the 2018 Housing Possession and Court Duty Scheme (HPCDS) contracts is 23:59 on 7 November.

The FAQ for HPCDS work will be available in the week beginning 20 November.

Tender deadline reminder

Deadlines for submitting tenders for civil 2018 contracts are now approaching.

Organisations wishing to deliver civil legal aid services under these new contracts must submit a tender by the relevant deadline.

The deadline for responses is 5pm on Friday 10 November for the:

- selection questionnaire
- face to face contract invitation to tender (ITT)
- CLA specialist telephone advice contract ITTs

The deadline for responses to HPCDS ITTs is 5pm on Monday 4 December.

Importance of selection questionnaire

All applicants for any 2018 contract must complete a response to the selection questionnaire by 5pm on 10 November.

This is in addition to the response to the ITT(s) for the 2018 civil contract work you wish to deliver.

HPCDS responses

Organisations tendering for HPCDS contracts are reminded that they must submit a response to the:

- selection questionnaire by 5pm on 10 November
- ITT for face to face housing and debt contract work by 5pm on 10 November
- relevant HPCDS ITTs by 5pm on 4 December

The deadline for the selection questionnaire and face to face housing and debt ITT is earlier than the HPCDS tender deadline.

Further information

<u>e-Tendering system</u> – for submitting bids and using the message boards

Legal aid civil tender 2018 – information for potential applicants

Email <u>help@bravosolution.co.uk</u> or telephone 0800 0698630 for technical questions about using the e-Tendering system

<u>Tender process for 2018 contracts opens</u> – GOV.UK news story on 19 September 2017

Help with how to submit a civil tender – GOV.UK news story on 20 October 2017