## News story: Further details on new Legal Services Marketplace revealed

The Legal Services Marketplace will enable organisations including NHS Trusts, schools, universities, local authorities and charities to procure expert legal advice from a diverse range of small, medium and large suppliers in dozens of specialisms.

CCS is currently developing the new commercial solution, and will be engaging further with suppliers and customers in the coming weeks.

## The fourth 'wheel' of the Legal Services commercial vehicle

The new panel of suppliers will join the three legal panels awarded earlier in 2017; General Legal Advice Services, Rail Legal Services, and Finance and Highly Complex Transactions- which are exclusively for the use of Central Government departments, their executive agencies and other specified Central Government bodies.

Central Government departments will be able to use the new Legal Services Marketplace for work worth less than £20,000 in total.

## Simplified bid packs

The Marketplace will make use of CCS's new, simplified bid pack for suppliers.

The pack consists of fewer, shorter tender documents and sets out all the information in one place and in Plain English. The new pack also reduces terms and conditions, only including those which directly apply to the goods or service being purchased.

CCS worked with partners including the CBI, Federation of Small Businesses, techUK and the Association of Bid Managers to design the new pack, which cuts the amount of tender documentation that suppliers need to complete.

## Find out more

CCS will be hosting supplier engagement sessions in November. If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please register by expressing your interest via the Legal Services Marketplace PIN

To follow developments with the Legal Services Marketplace, <u>visit the CCS</u> <u>pipeline pages</u>.