



# Department for Transport

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Attn: REDACTED

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Dear REDACTED,

**Award of Contract for the Provision of Legal Advisers for Project Mercury**  
**Contract Reference: P4104086**

I am pleased to inform you that your company has been selected for a Direct Award for the Provision of Legal Advisers for Project Mercury and therefore we would like to award the contract to you.

The call-off contract shall commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 and the expiry date will be 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 for a period of 4 months. The total contract value will be up to £50,000 excluding VAT.

This Direct Award is being offered under Panel RM6204 Rail Legal Services Framework and the Panel Terms and Conditions shall apply. A copy of the contract is provided with this Award Letter and includes those Panel Terms and Conditions.

Please would you print and sign a copy of this Letter of Appointment with the acknowledgement signed by a partner of your firm and return via email.

Should you have any queries regarding this or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Signed for and on behalf of the Department for Transport

Name: REDACTED, Commercial Relationship Adviser

Signature:

REDACTED

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

I hereby confirm receipt of the above Letter of Appointment and the agreement of Ashurst LLP to provide the Department for Transport (DfT) the Services as specified in the Letter of Appointment.

Signed on behalf of Ashurst LLP

Signature

REDACTED

Title : PARTNER

Date : 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024