

IRL-Dublin: Educational software development services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Educational Research Centre
Postal address: St Patricks College, Drumcondra
Town: Dublin
Country: Ireland
For the attention of: Paula Chute
E-mail: paula.chute@erc.ie

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Education

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Framework Agreement for Strategic Partner for On-Line Testing, Authoring and Delivery.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

Main site or place of performance: Dublin Ireland.

NUTS code IE021 Dublin

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 10

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years: The Educational Research Centre wishes to establish a single-party framework agreement over an initial 5 year period for the provision of an On-Line Test Authoring and Delivery Platform, the maximum period of which will be up to 10 years. The overall scope of the requirements relates to a platform through which ERC tests will be delivered to schools and test takers. The platform will be able to support both current and yet-to-be-developed tests that will include, for example, interactive activities (at the item level) and adaptive functionality (at the test level). Given the complex nature of the services to be provided following this award procedure and indeed following the initial contract, the need for continuity of service from the winning candidate is such that the ERC considers that a framework agreement over an initial 5 year period with the potential to be extended up to 10 years is an absolute necessity.

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 50 000 and 1 000 000 EUR

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The Educational Research Centre invites expressions of interest from competent parties interested in being considered for a single-party framework agreement over an initial 5 year period for the provision of an On-Line Test Authoring and Delivery Platform. The maximum period for the framework is up to 10 years. The overall scope of the requirements relates to a platform through which ERC tests will be delivered to schools and test takers. The platform will be able to support both current and yet-to-be-developed tests that will include, for example, interactive activities (at the item level) and adaptive functionality (at the test level). This accompanying document comprises a qualification questionnaire and information about the framework agreement to be awarded. It sets out the overall scope of the framework, commencing with the initial phase which includes the technical and functional design necessary for the development of the system. This initial phase is the basis upon which the framework agreement will be concluded with the successful tenderer. Further contracts under the framework agreement will be awarded to the framework operator only after consultation with the ERC.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

72212190 Educational software development services, 75121000 Administrative educational services, 80100000 Primary education services, 80200000 Secondary education services, 80210000 Technical and vocational secondary education services, 80211000 Technical secondary education services, 80212000 Vocational secondary education services, 80300000 Higher education services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The design will be the initial contract under the framework with further projects being awarded over the life of the framework.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 120 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

Not applicable.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

To be agreed with the successful service provider.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

A grouping if successful must be prepared to contract as a single entity having joint and several liability.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer the qualification questionnaire available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie; Reference 74827 when searching on eTenders.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer the qualification questionnaire available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie; Reference 74827 when searching on eTenders.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

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III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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competitive dialogue

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Based on the responses to the qualification questionnaire at least 3 firms will be invited to the first round of dialogues.

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

12.6.2013 - 12:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3. Additional information

To receive more information about this tender, including any amendments and/or clarifications and to request any clarifications and/or to respond to this tender, you must register your interest to this tender on the following site: https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?pid=65674&b=etenders_simple

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The High Court
Postal address: Four Courts
Town: Dublin
Postal code: 7
Country: Ireland
Internet address: <http://www.courts.ie>

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: Please consult a legal advisor
Country: Ireland

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

10.5.2013