

IRL-Dublin: education and training services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: FAS - Foras Aiseanna Saothair, Training and Employment Authority

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Country: Ireland

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.fas.ie>

Address of the buyer profile: [http://www.etenders.gov.ie/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA01536](http://www.etenders.gov.ie/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA01536)

**Additional information can be obtained from:**

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

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**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**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

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**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1. Description**

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

FÁS: providers to deliver labour market education and training fund projects.

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

Services

Service category No 24: Education and vocational education services

Main site or place of performance: Ireland - throughout Ireland.

NUTS code IE Éire / Ireland

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

The notice involves a public contract

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

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

As part of the Government's 2012 action plan for jobs initiative, FÁS is administering the Labour Market Education & Training Fund (LMETF) under which 20 000 000 EUR has been committed by the Department of education & skills through the National Training Fund. The aim of the LMETF is to provide a range of quality, relevant education & training interventions for up to 6 500 individuals who are long term unemployed. Under the eligibility criteria of the LMETF, all unemployed participants must be pre-approved by the Department of Social Protection before they can participate in the programme. The LMETF will be cofinanced by the European Social Fund (ESF).

The concept of the LMETF is that funding will be utilised to provide solutions to the needs of both unemployed individuals and employers within the context of four themes and across ten (10) regions.

— Three themes supporting occupational clusters where demand and vacancies exist within labour market sectors,

— A fourth theme focusing on the specific needs of people under 25 who are unemployed assisting them to access and/or return to the Labour Market.

There are 2 stages in this tender process:

— Stage one: pre-qualification,

— Stage two: project proposals.

In the first stage, FÁS is seeking to establish a panel of pre-qualified Contractors consisting of innovative education and training providers who will propose programmes for the Labour Market Education & Training Fund (LMETF). This fund may be branded at a future date.

In the second stage, project proposals will be invited from pre-qualified providers that will seek

to deliver quality education and training solutions to individuals who are unemployed through increasing their skills profile and matching them to employer's requirements. At this stage, FÁS will also outline how the proposed solutions will be assessed and the model for the funding which will seek outcome-based deliverables within a framework of compliance-based accountability.

The LMETF will be cofinanced by the European Social Fund (ESF) for appropriate elements of this funding programme. The contractor will be required to adhere to specific National and European procurement requirements and regulations relating to ESF funding which will be detailed at proposal stage.

Interested parties, wishing to become qualified to propose a programme under this fund should submit their applications, to the address listed in the application form.

Funding will only be allocated to pre - qualified contractors. Other interested parties who wish to submit a proposal under this fund, should consider partnering with a pre-qualified contractor to make a joint proposal. In this regard, following the application process, a notice will be published on the FÁS web site listing successful applicants who have indicated that they would be willing to consider partnering other parties.

Important.

It is anticipated that invitations to submit proposals (2nd stage of the process) will be issued during the month of June 2012.

Only successful applications received before 5:00 pm. Friday, 8.6.2012, will be processed in time to qualify for the above invitation.

In the event that the fund is not exhausted by this first call for proposals, further calls may be issued in the second half of the year.

To facilitate this possibility, the application process for the panel will remain open until September 30th. The panel may be reopened, periodically, after that date to allow additional applications.

Note: to register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the eTenders web site at [http://www.etenders.gov.ie/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=429912](http://www.etenders.gov.ie/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=429912).

#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

80000000 Education and training 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: no

### **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

#### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

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

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

#### **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**

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

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

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Restricted

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

Envisaged minimum number 5

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

### **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**

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

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

8.6.2012 - 17:00

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

29.6.2012

**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**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: It may be published, again, towards the end of 2012.

**VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project: Irish Government's Action Plan for Jobs and the National Skills Strategy.

**VI.3. Additional information**

FÁS is placing this non priority service notice in OJEU voluntary.  
(ET Ref:429912).

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

16.5.2012