

**Ireland-Dublin: Research consultancy services**  
**OJ S 75/2021 19/04/2021**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Educational Research Centre

National registration number: N/A

Postal address: DCU, St Patricks Campus, Drumcondra

Town: Dublin 9

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Country: Ireland

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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <http://www.erc.ie>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/1014>

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

RFT for Educational Psychometric and Technical Expert Services Using Large Scale Item Response Theory (IRT)

Reference number: ERC-2021-TDR-01

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

73210000 Research consultancy services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

In summary, this covers the provision of expert guidance and support (tailored capacity building /training and worked examples such as workflows, processes, programming code) in four areas of strategic importance to the work of the ERC, with these to be agreed by way of annual workplans.

This will involve demonstrating capability to advise, train nominated personnel in the techniques relevant to the tender subject matter and consult on deploying the services of the ERC via on-line tools.

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 300 000,00 EUR

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

48190000 Educational software package, 71600000 Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services, 71621000 Technical analysis or consultancy services, 71632000 Technical testing services, 72212190 Educational software development services, 72212463 Statistical software development services, 73430000 Test and evaluation, 79300000 Market and economic research; polling and statistics, 79311300 Survey analysis services, 79315000 Social research services, 79330000 Statistical services, 79632000 Personnel-training services , 80000000 Education and training services, 80510000 Specialist training services

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

In summary, this covers the provision of expert guidance and support (tailored capacity building /training and worked examples such as workflows, processes, programming code) in four areas of strategic importance to the work of the ERC, with these to be agreed by way of annual workplans i.e.

- development and application of Item Response Theory (IRT) or other appropriate psychometric scaling models to large-scale national assessment cognitive test data in line with best international practice, including weighting, conditioning, plausible values methodologies, and standard setting/proficiency banding;
- application of appropriate scaling models to generate robust questionnaire indices and scales;
- provision of guidance and support to the ERC in helping it to achieve the strategic goal of broadening the range of school-based tests from standardised and norm-referenced tests to others, including diagnostic or criterion-referenced tests;
- enhancing its application of online/web-based assessment technologies for school-based tests, particularly as these apply to scoring and reporting function.

This will involve demonstrating capability to advise, train nominated personnel in the techniques relevant to the tender subject matter and consult on deploying the services of the ERC via on-line tools.

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and methodology / Weighting: 200

Quality criterion - Name: Experience and expertise — resources / Weighting: 250

Quality criterion - Name: Experience and expertise — case studies / Weighting: 250

Cost criterion - Name: Overall cost / Weighting: 300

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.13.**

## Information about European Union funds

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

### II.2.14. Additional information

#### Section IV: Procedure

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##### IV.1. Description

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

Open procedure

###### IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

###### IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

##### IV.2. Administrative information

###### IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2021/S 020-046199](#)

###### IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

###### IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

#### Section V: Award of contract

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**Contract No:** 1

**Title:**

RFT for Educational Psychometric and Technical Expert Services Using Large Scale Item Response Theory (IRT)

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

##### V.2. Award of contract

###### V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

12/04/2021

###### V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

###### V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Polymetrika International

Town: Ontario  
NUTS code: CA Canada  
Country: Canada  
Internet address: [www.polymetrika.ca](http://www.polymetrika.ca)  
The contractor is an SME: yes

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 300 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 300 000,00 EUR

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.3. Additional information**

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: High Court

Postal address: Four Courts

Town: Dublin 1

Country: Ireland

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

14/04/2021