

## 250727-2026 - Competition

### Ireland – Legal services – The provision of Legal Services to the Guardian ad litem National Service (Regulation 10 Excluded)

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

## 1. Buyer

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### 1.1. Buyer

Official name: Department of Children Disability and Equality

Email: [procurement\\_queries@equality.gov.ie](mailto:procurement_queries@equality.gov.ie)

Legal type of the buyer: Central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

## 2. Procedure

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### 2.1. Procedure

Title: The provision of Legal Services to the Guardian ad litem National Service (Regulation 10 Excluded)

Description: The provision of Legal Services to the Guardian ad litem National Service - The Framework will provide access to external legal service providers capable of delivering legal services to Guardian ad litem “GAL”s authorised by the Guardian ad litem National Service under section 35L of the Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 on a fee-per-task model. Use of eTenders and Procurement Procedure: The Contracting Authority is utilising the eTenders platform and has selected the “Open” procurement procedure for administrative and system purposes only, to facilitate access to competition documentation and submission of tenders. This selection does not alter the excluded status of this competition under Regulation 10 of the 2016 Regulations, nor does it require the competition to be conducted in accordance with the procedures or requirements of those Regulations.

Procedure identifier: 073c3722-9681-49b9-8792-f565b13c9ae0

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

#### 2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79100000 Legal services

Additional classification (cpv): 79111000 Legal advisory services, 79112000 Legal representation services, 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### 2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

#### 2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 25 000 000,00 EUR

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 25 000 000,00 EUR

#### 2.1.4. General information

**Legal basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion**

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

**5. Lot**

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Internal identifier: 0

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**5.1.2. Place of performance**

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

**5.1.3. Estimated duration**

Duration: 60 Months

**5.1.5. Value**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 25 000 000,00 EUR

**5.1.6. General information****Reserved participation:**

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

**5.1.7. Strategic procurement**

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

**5.1.9. Selection criteria**

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

**5.1.10. Award criteria**

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Service Delivery Method (400 Marks)

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (points, exact)

Award criterion number: 400

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Firm Capability & Relevant Experience (400 Marks)

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (points, exact)

Award criterion number: 400

**Criterion:**

Type: Quality

Description: Understanding of the Guardian ad Litem's Role & Legal Framework (200 Marks)

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (points, exact)

Award criterion number: 200

**5.1.11. Procurement documents**

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available:  
English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 24/04/2026 14:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=7872440>

**5.1.12. Terms of procurement**

**Terms of submission:**

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=7872440>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 08/05/2026 14:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 180 Days

**Information about public opening:**

Opening date: 08/05/2026 14:30:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=7872440>

**Terms of contract:**

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: yes

**5.1.15. Techniques**

**Framework agreement:**

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 40

Justification for the duration of the framework agreement: The basis for the requirement for the provision of legal advice and representation is the Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022, 35D which outlines in 35D (1) that in proceedings in the High Court, and under Section 25 of the Mental Health Act 2001 the Minister shall provide, or arrange for the provision, to the Guardian Ad Litem of legal advice and legal representation for the proceedings for which the Guardian Ad Litem is appointed and that in proceedings in the District Court the Minister on request Guardian Ad Litem shall provide or arrange for legal advice and may provide or arrange for legal representation

**Information about the dynamic purchasing system:**

No dynamic purchase system

**5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review**

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: Department of Children Disability and Equality

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Department of Children Disability and Equality

Organisation processing tenders: Department of Children Disability and Equality

## 8. Organisations

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**8.1. ORG-0001**

Official name: Department of Children Disability and Equality

Registration number: 9805633H

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Town: Dublin

Postcode: D02 XW14

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: [procurement\\_queries@equality.gov.ie](mailto:procurement_queries@equality.gov.ie)

Telephone: 016473000

Buyer profile: [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)

**Roles of this organisation:**

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

**8.1. ORG-0002**

Official name: The High Court of Ireland

Registration number: The High Court of Ireland

Department: The High Court of Ireland

Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D07 WDX8

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: [HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie](mailto:HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie)

Telephone: +353 1 8886000

**Roles of this organisation:**

Review organisation  
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

**8.1. ORG-0003**

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.  
Registration number: 002024901000  
Department: European Dynamics S.A.  
Town: Athens  
Postcode: 15125  
Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)  
Country: Greece  
Email: [eproc-esender@eurodyn.com](mailto:eproc-esender@eurodyn.com)  
Telephone: +30 2108094500  
**Roles of this organisation:**  
TED eSender

## Notice information

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