

**Ireland-Dublin: Education and training services**  
**OJ S 95/2022 17/05/2022**  
**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: SOLAS

National registration number: N/A

Postal address: Castleforbes House, Castleforbes Road

Town: Dublin 1

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Postal code: Dublin

Country: Ireland

E-mail: [tenders@solas.ie](mailto:tenders@solas.ie)

**Internet address(es):**

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

Address of the buyer profile: <https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/1210>

**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**

External Quality Assurance Monitoring of eCollege

Reference number: 2202-SO-E

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

80000000 Education and training services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

eCollege is the national online learning service for the further education and training sector funded and overseen by SOLAS. eCollege courses are fully online and are part-time. Courses are aligned to industry certified pathways. Currently all courses operate on a continuous intake basis.

eCollege engaged the services of an external service provider to develop a quality assurance framework with corresponding indicators and a database tool in 2020. This contract has

concluded and the framework, indicators, KPIs, database tool, and baseline reports are in place. The purpose of this RFT is to identify an organisation to utilise the tools developed to conduct monthly monitoring, site visits, and provide expertise in the quality assurance of online learning.

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 585 000,00 EUR

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

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

80420000 E-learning services, 80500000 Training services

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

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Main site or place of performance: DUBLIN 1

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of SOLAS Requirements and Contract Management / Weighting: 200

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed Approach and Methodology / Weighting: 250

Quality criterion - Name: Expertise, resources, and organisational capacity / Weighting: 250

Price - 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: no

#### **IV.2. Administrative information**

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

Notice number in the OJ S: [2022/S 020-048543](#)

##### **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**

### **Section V: Award of contract**

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**Contract No:** 1

**Title:**

External Quality Assurance Monitoring of eCollege

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

03/05/2022

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

Number of tenders received: 4

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: Competence Assurance Solutions Ltd (CAS)

National registration number: 3391431

Postal address: 40 Bowling Green Lane

Town: London

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: Greater London

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [chen.chen@cas-ukcn.com](mailto:chen.chen@cas-ukcn.com)

Telephone: +44 7749043607

Internet address: <http://www.cas-ukcn.com>

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 480 000,00 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: SOLAS

Town: Dublin 1

Country: Ireland

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

12/05/2022