282467-2026 - Result

Ireland – Design and execution of research and development – Social Return & Investment Evaluation (SROI) PEACEPLUS funded Skills Connect Programme
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Contract or concession award notice – standard regime
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: NOW Group
Email: tenders@nowgroup.org
Legal type of the buyer: Organisation awarding a contract subsidised by a contracting authority
Activity of the contracting authority: Economic affairs

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Social Return & Investment Evaluation (SROI) PEACEPLUS funded Skills Connect Programme
Description: NOW Group is a multi-award-winning social enterprise with operations in Belfast, Dublin, Galway, Donegal and expanding across the island of Ireland. The organisation supports people who are neurodiverse, including those with autism, ADHD, and learning disabilities to secure sustainable employment. The Skills Connect project aims to reduce skills gaps in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland by addressing systemic barriers to education and employment for people with disabilities or long-term health conditions. Skills Connect is a project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). Skills Connect is inviting tenders from experienced evaluators to deliver a theory-informed, evidence-based Social Return on Investment (SROI) evaluation aligned with the internationally recognised Seven Principles of SROI. This evaluation will support strategic learning, stakeholder engagement, and policy development across the programme.
Procedure identifier: ba86e5ca-f98a-44e9-b2d7-55205a5ec9c9
Previous notice: 848926-2025
Type of procedure: Open
The procedure is accelerated: no
Main features of the procedure: Interested parties must submit an application by the deadline indicated in this notice. Applications will be assessed against the eligibility and selection criteria set out in the procurement documents. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to negotiate terms and conditions before final award. The purpose of this stage is to ensure that the final offer represents the most economically advantageous solution while maintaining transparency and fairness. Participation in negotiations does not guarantee contract award; the final decision will be based on the criteria specified in the procurement documents. The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender based on the criteria specified.

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73300000 Design and execution of research and development
Additional classification (cpv): 73300000 Design and execution of research and development

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country: Ireland
Anywhere in the given country
Additional information: NE of NI and Border Regions of NI/ROI

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:
Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: Social Return on Investment (SROI) Evaluation – Skills Connect Programme
Description: Skills Connect is inviting tenders from experienced evaluators to deliver a theory-informed, evidence-based Social Return on Investment (SROI) evaluation aligned with the internationally recognised Seven Principles of SROI. This evaluation will support strategic learning, stakeholder engagement, and policy development across the programme. Key Responsibilities Include: • Development of an Outcomes Framework and impact map • Annual SROI calculation and impact score • Comprehensive end-of-project SROI report • Stakeholder engagement and co-design activities • Quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis • Recommendations for future programme and policy design Deliverables Include: • Quarterly briefings (12 total) • Annual interim report • Final SROI report with financial valuation of social outcomes This is a unique opportunity to contribute to a high-impact regional initiative focused on inclusive skills development and social value creation.
Internal identifier: LOT-0001

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services
Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Border (IE041)
Country: Ireland

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 01/01/2026
Duration end date: 31/03/2029

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:
Type: Quality
Description: The award criterion is based on quality, with the contract being awarded to the tender that demonstrates the highest level of qualitative merit in line with the specified standards.

Description of the method to be used if weighting cannot be expressed by criteria: If the award criteria cannot be expressed using numerical weighting. Instead, the contracting authority will assess tenders using a qualitative comparative method based on the criteria's order of importance. Evaluators will apply a holistic, non linear assessment model, comparing the tenders against each criterion and against one another to determine which offers the most economically advantageous outcome

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, with reopening of competition

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: Business Improvement Solutions

Information about review deadlines: 10-day standstill period between the notification of the award decision and the signing of the contract by the successful supplier

6. Results

Maximum value of the framework agreements in this notice: 150 000,00 EUR

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

Framework agreement:

Maximum value of the framework agreement: 150 000,00 EUR

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Business Improvement Solutions

Tender:

Tender identifier: LOT-0001

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Subcontracting: No

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: LOT-0001

Date on which the winner was chosen: 19/01/2026

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 21/04/2026

The contract is awarded within a framework agreement: no

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:

Type of received submissions: Tenders from medium tenderers

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from micro tenderers

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 1

Type of received submissions: Tenders from small tenderers

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenderers registered in other European Economic Area countries than the country of the buyer

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0

Type of received submissions: Tenders from tenders registered in countries outside of the European Economic Area
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 0
Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 1
Type of received submissions: Tenders
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 1

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: Business Improvement Solutions
Registration number: BNI059590
Town: Belfast
Postcode: BT9 5NA
Country subdivision (NUTS): Border (IE041)
Country: Ireland
Roles of this organisation:
Review organisation

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: Business Improvement Solutions
Size of the economic operator: Micro
Registration number: BNI059590
Town: Belfast
Postcode: BT9 5NA
Country subdivision (NUTS): Border (IE041)
Country: Ireland
Email: f.fitzpatrick@bisimprovement.com
Telephone: +442890309007
Roles of this organisation:
Tenderer
Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: NOW Group
Registration number: NI043774
Town: Belfast
Postcode: BT12 4GN
Country subdivision (NUTS): Border (IE041)
Country: Ireland
Email: tenders@nowgroup.org
Telephone: +4428 9043 6400
Roles of this organisation:
Buyer

8.1. ORG-0000

Official name: Publications Office of the European Union
Registration number: PUBL
Town: Luxembourg
Postcode: 2417

Country subdivision (NUTS): Luxembourg (LU000)
Country: Luxembourg
Email: ted@publications.europa.eu
Telephone: +352 29291
Internet address: https://op.europa.eu
Roles of this organisation:
TED eSender

Notice information

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