

349866-2026 - Result

Ireland – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Request for Tenders for the provision of research and policy support services to the Creative Ireland Programme

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Contract or concession award notice – standard regime
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Department of Culture Communications Sport

Email: procurement@ccs.gov.ie

Legal type of the buyer: Central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Request for Tenders for the provision of research and policy support services to the Creative Ireland Programme

Description: The Creative Ireland Programme at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media is seeking to appoint an external service provider to provide research and policy support services to assist officials deliver the Programme ambition in relevant policy disciplines. This service will be available on a drawdown basis with continuous and episodic programmes of work to be agreed and costed in advance between the successful service provider and the Programme. The successful tenderer must demonstrate research and policy development experience across the public sector and have competence to deal with key stakeholders at the highest level. This includes government departments, local authorities, state agencies and bodies, national cultural institutions, etc. The successful tenderer will be expected to have a good knowledge of the Creative Ireland Programme as well as the broader strategic aims of the Department and the Programme for Government. It should be noted that the following functions represent the nature of activities to be undertaken as part of the contract but are not an exhaustive list of requirements: 1. Provide assistance and support to the Creative Ireland Programme in respect of policy research and strategic development; 2. Support the Creative Ireland Programme Office in the development of specialist knowledge and expertise as required to underpin continuing work and particularly in relation to the priorities outlined above 3. Contribute to the periodic review of the Creative Ireland Programme as required 4. Develop guidance and advice for stakeholders as, and if, required 5. Management oversight including quality control as well as provision of regular updates and programme support (i.e., briefing, memos, speeches, etc.) as required 6. Any other services which may arise during the course of the contract that are related to the strategic delivery of the Creative Ireland Programme.

Procedure identifier: 9d78cc3e-e672-4478-bc74-ecb7fe896508

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 73200000 Research and development consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 536 585,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Internal identifier: 0

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5.1.2. Place of performance

Town: Dublin
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 24 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 536 585,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

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

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Cost

Description: Cost @ 30%

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

Award criterion number: 30

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Broad experience of research and policy development assistance and support @ 15%

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

Award criterion number: 15

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Specialist knowledge and experience to assist in the delivery of the Creative Ireland Programme for each proposed team member @40%

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

Award criterion number: 40

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Delivery of Service @ 10%

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

Award criterion number: 10

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Green Procurement @ 5%

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

Award criterion number: 5

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

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 Culture Communications Sport

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

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 660 000,00 EUR

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: MCO Projects Limited

Tender:

Tender identifier: 000032900

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Value of the tender: 660 000,00 EUR

Subcontracting: No

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 399495

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 26/01/2026

6.1.4. Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:

Type of received submissions: Tenders submitted electronically

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 4

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Department of Culture Communications Sport

Registration number: 4000113V

Postal address: Government Buildings, New Road

Town: Killarney

Postcode: V93 A49X

Country subdivision (NUTS): South-West (IE053)

Country: Ireland

Email: procurement@ccs.gov.ie

Telephone: 016437660

Internet address: <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/departments-of-culture-communications-and-sport>

Buyer profile: <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation/departments-of-culture-communications-and-sport>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: MCO Projects Limited
Size of the economic operator: Small
Registration number: 177219
Postal address: 43 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, Ireland
Town: Dublin
Postcode: D02 FY81
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Email: cgreene@mco.ie
Telephone: 01 8870630

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

8.1. ORG-0003

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
Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0004

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
Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

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