

Ireland-Dublin: Educational software development services
OJ S 154/2020 11/08/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Educational Research Centre

Postal address: DCU St Patrick's College Campus, Drumcondra

Town: Dublin 9

NUTS code: IE0 Ireland

Postal code: D09 AN2F

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

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Procurement of an Integrated Online Assessment System for Schools in Ireland

II.1.2. Main CPV code

72212190 Educational software development services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Educational Research Centre (ERC) has a statutory mandate to provide and support standardised testing in schools. The ERC is aiming to provide schools and test-takers (who have access to appropriate devices and internet connection) with an easy to use online assessment system that is reliable, secure, engaging for test-takers, and meaningful in terms of the reports that it provides. The ERC wishes to procure an integrated end-to-end testing system that supports the ERC's aims of providing a range of high-quality standardised tests

and reports to schools, enabling schools to manage the purchase and administration of tests, and facilitating the ERC's development of innovative assessment solutions. The integrated online assessment system will cover test development, item banking, assignment of test credits, test session set-up and implementation, test-taker and test item level reporting, hosting and technical support.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 183 000,00 EUR

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support, 72220000 Systems and technical consultancy services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: IE0 Ireland

Main site or place of performance: Dublin.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The ERC has a statutory mandate to provide and support standardised testing in schools. The ERC is aiming to provide schools and test-takers (who have access to appropriate devices and internet connection) with an easy to use online assessment system that is reliable, secure, engaging for test-takers and meaningful in terms of the reports that it provides. The ERC does not view the online assessment system as a static entity – quite the opposite. To respond to changes in education policies and curricula, digital technologies and assessment and measurement technologies, the ERC needs a flexible and responsive assessment system that also fits with its strategic priorities of internal capacity building and research and development. This procurement sets out to achieve this.

The dual mission of the ERC is:

(i) to develop high quality assessments and provide strong assessment support services to schools and centres of education; and

(ii) to conduct and disseminate commissioned and independently-initiated national and international research, assessment and evaluation studies.

The ERC's strategic plan (2019-2021) has as one of its 10 goals to produce a regularly updated suite of high-quality and relevant assessments that reflects best international practice and serves the needs of the educational system, as well as those of schools, teachers, parents and learners.

A key element of this goal is the procurement of a new online assessment system.

The ERC wishes to procure an integrated end-to-end testing system that supports the ERC's aims of providing a range of high-quality standardised tests and reports to schools, enabling schools to manage the purchase and administration of tests, and facilitating the ERC's development of innovative assessment solutions.

The integrated online assessment system will cover test development, item banking, assignment of test credits, test session set-up and implementation, test-taker and test item level reporting, hosting and technical support.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70 %

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30 %

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

The term of the contract is 5 years (60 months) with the option to extend for up to a further 3 years. The maximum term shall not exceed 8 years in total.

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

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Competitive dialogue

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: [2019/S 195-474008](#)

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

Title:

Procurement of an Integrated Online Assessment System for Schools in Ireland

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

17/07/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Prodigy Learning Ltd

Postal address: Q House, Furze Road, Sandyford

Town: Dublin 18
NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland
Country: Ireland
The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 900 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 183 000,00 EUR

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

The value of the contract set out at sections II.1.7) and V.2.4) of EUR 183 000 relates to the fixed fees for Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the contract over a 5-year term, together with the costs of providing 30 000 tests in Phase 3. The cost of providing the tests during Phase 4 is not included in the figure of EUR 183 000 and will depend on the number of tests delivered and whether the contract is extended.

The estimated value set out in the contract notice of EUR 900 000 is the estimated value over the potential 8-year term of the contract. The ERC estimates that the value over the potential 8-year term is between EUR 800 000 and 900 000. The estimated value of the contract over the initial 5 years is in the region of EUR 500 000 to EUR 600 000.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The High Court of Ireland
Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay
Town: Dublin 7
Country: Ireland
Internet address: <http://www.courts.ie>

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please refer to Statutory Instrument 130 of 2010, the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010, and in particular Regulation 7.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

06/08/2020