

**Ireland-Dublin: Research consultancy services**

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**Contract notice****Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

National registration number: N/A

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The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3. Communication**The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: [http://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=172691&B=ETENDERS\\_SIMPLE](http://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=172691&B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE)[PID=172691&B=ETENDERS\\_SIMPLE](http://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=172691&B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE)

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

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**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.5. Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

**Section II: Object**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement****II.1.1. Title**

The Preparation and Provision of Research and Information to Support the Review of the Rural Water Sector

Reference number: 175048

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

73210000 Research consultancy services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

The preparation and provision of research and information to support the working group established by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to review the rural water sector. The successful tenderer will prepare a report on the governance, supervision, funding and wider investment needs relating to the rural water sector. The report will also review the system of monitoring water quality in the sector and how deficiencies are identified and responded to. The report will be prepared to inform the working group in addressing its terms of reference and will provide an overall assessment of the rural water sector. The report will be prepared from two combined complementary assignments, being assignment one which will be a literature review report focused on a national representation of the rural water sector and assignment two which will be a regional in-depth assessment of the rural water sector.

**II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 240 000,00 EUR

**II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.2. Description**

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

41110000 Drinking water, 41120000 Non-drinking water, 73220000 Development consultancy services, 73300000 Design and execution of research and development, 90713100 Consulting services for water-supply and waste-water other than for construction

**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

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

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In April 2018, on foot of recommendations of a Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Future Funding of Domestic Water Services (JOC), the Minister established a working group to conduct a review of the wider investment needs relating to the rural water services. In its report, the JOC recommended that, the principals of equity of treatment and equivalent

financial support should be applied equally between households on public water supplies and those in group water schemes (GWS), group sewerage schemes (GSS), those using domestic wastewater treatment systems (DWWTS) and individual domestic water supplies (IDWS) and that the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government should conduct a review in consultation with relevant stakeholders 'to quantify what additional investment will be required to equalise treatment between those availing of domestic water services and those availing of private services.'

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 240 000,00 EUR

#### **II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The contracting authority reserves the right to extend the term for a period or periods of up to 4 months with a maximum of 3 such extension or extensions on the same terms and conditions, subject to the contracting authority's obligations at law.

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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#### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

All of the proposed team members must have attained a level of qualification of at least QQI level 8 (degree level) from an accredited academic institution in subject(s) relevant to the contract, in a relevant engineering, environmental science, economics, planning, project management, legal or in an analogous discipline, preferably with a water-related component.  
And

Academic qualifications of at least one of the other proposed team members must include a QQI level 9 (post-graduate degree) in a relevant engineering, environmental science, economics, planning, project management, legal or in an analogous discipline, preferably with a water-related component, to at least masters level attained from an accredited academic institution.

### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **III.2. Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.2. Contract performance conditions**

Please see procurement documents.

### **III.2.3. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

## **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: yes

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

#### **IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 07/10/2020 Local time: 12:00

#### **IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

#### **IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 07/04/2021

#### **IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 08/10/2020 Local time: 12:00

Place:

Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, Government Buildings, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Minimum of two authorised officers from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government or authorised members of the rural water sector working group.

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.3. Additional information**

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

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

25/08/2020