

Ireland-Dublin: Educational software development services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

## Section I: Contracting authority

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### I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Educational Research Centre

Postal address: St Patricks College

Town: Dublin

Postal code: 9

Country: Ireland

For the attention of: Paula Chute

E-mail: [paula.chute@erc.ie](mailto:paula.chute@erc.ie)

**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

### I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

### I.3. Main activity

Education

### I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

## Section II: Object of the contract

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### II.1. Description

#### II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Framework Agreement for the initial and ongoing development, hosting and support of an on-line testing platform.

#### II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

NUTS code IE0 Ireland

#### II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 10

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years: The Educational Research Centre wishes to establish a single-party framework agreement over an initial 5 year period for the provision of an On-Line Test Authoring and Delivery Platform, the maximum period of which will be up to 10 years. The overall scope of the requirements relates to a platform through which ERC tests will be delivered to schools and test takers. The platform will be able to support both current and yet-to-be-developed tests that will include, for example, interactive activities (at the item level) and adaptive functionality (at the test level). Given the complex nature of the services to be provided following this award procedure and indeed following the initial contract, the need for continuity of service from the winning candidate is such that the ERC considers that a framework agreement over an initial 5 year period with the potential to be extended up to 10 years is an absolute necessity.

**Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 500 000 and 1 500 000 EUR

**II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The Educational Research Centre invites expressions of interest from competent parties interested in being considered for a single party framework agreement for the provision of an on-line testing platform including initial and ongoing development, hosting and support services. The platform will be able to support both current and yet to be developed tests. The PQQ contains a Qualification Questionnaire and information about the framework agreement to be awarded.

**II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

72212190 Educational software development services, 75120000 Administrative services of agencies, 80100000 Primary education services, 80200000 Secondary education services, 80210000 Technical and vocational secondary education services, 80211000 Technical secondary education services, 80212000 Vocational secondary education services, 80300000 Higher education services

**II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

**II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2. Scope of the procurement**

**II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

Potentially extends to include the provision of testing services to all institutions within the Irish education system.

**II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options: After 5 years the framework may be extended for a further 5 years.

**II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.3.**

## **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 120 (from the award of the contract)

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

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#### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

Not applicable.

##### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

To be agreed with the successful service provider.

##### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

A grouping if successful must be prepared to contract as a single entity having joint and several liability.

##### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

#### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer to the qualification questionnaire available to download from [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)  
eTenders Reference 89970.

##### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer to the qualification questionnaire available to download from [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)  
eTenders Reference 89970.

##### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Please refer to the qualification questionnaire available to download from [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)  
eTenders Reference 89970.

##### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

##### **III.3.2. 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: no

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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competitive dialogue

##### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

##### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 29.12.2014 - 12:00

Payable documents: no

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

29.12.2014 - 12:00

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

Other: Ga.

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: no

##### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
no

**VI.3. Additional information**

Please note that responses to the questionnaire available from [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) must be submitted back via the etenders platform only. Suppliers must therefore register and download the documents from etenders only to enable them to respond via the system. The document are available using eTenders Reference 89970.

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The High Court  
Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay  
Town: Dublin  
Postal code: 7  
Country: Ireland

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: Institute of Arbitration  
Country: Ireland

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Your Legal Advisor.

**VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: Your Legal Advisor  
Country: Ireland

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

25.11.2014