

**United Kingdom-Newry: Business and management 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: Intertrade Ireland

National registration number: Old Gasworks Business Park, Kilmorey Street

Town: Newry

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: BT34 2DE

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [patrice.mcpolin@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:patrice.mcpolin@finance-ni.gov.uk)**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>Address of the buyer profile: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>**I.3. Communication**The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/ep>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/ep>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

General public services

**Section II: Object**

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

DfE InterTradeIreland — Contract for Services to Source Innovation Specialist Consultants for Delivery of Elements of Interreg VA Funded Co-Innovate Programme.

Reference number: ID 1200687

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79410000 Business and management consultancy services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4. Short description**

The Co-Innovate programme is a cross border research and innovation (Research and Innovation) initiative funded under the European Interreg VA Programme. The programme aims to increase the proportion of SMEs engaged in cross-border research and innovation in the Interreg eligible region of Northern Ireland, border region of Ireland and Western Scotland. For the first time, the programme brings together these regions' key development agencies to deliver a programme aligned with each government's strategic priorities. InterTradelreland, as the lead partner, wishes to appoint contractor/s who will be responsible for sourcing suitable mentors/assessors to conduct work in 3 key areas: a) Innovation capability mentoring (Strand 3) b) Technical assessment of complex business to business collaborative projects (Strand 5) c) Due diligence of complex business to business collaborative projects. (Strand 5).

#### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 950 000,00 EUR

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots: 2

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

Lot 1 — Northern Ireland and ROI Border Counties (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo).

Lot No: 1

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

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

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

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

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

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This contract contains the option to extend for a further period of up to and including 23 months.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project:

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

Each Lot will be awarded on the basis of MEAT in line with the criteria detailed in the Instructions to Tenderers document. There is no restriction on the number of lots that Tenderers may apply for. Each lot will be evaluated and awarded independently. A separate response must be uploaded for each Lot being Tendered for.

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.1. Title**

Lot 2 - Western Scotland, Highlands and Islands.

Lot No: 2

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

79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

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NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

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

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

**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: 12/01/2018 Local time: 15:00

**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: 12/04/2018

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

Date: 12/01/2018 Local time: 15:30

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

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

This is a recurrent procurement: no

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

Contract monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Town: N/A

Country: United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

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

07/12/2017