

496348-2026 - Competition

Ireland – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Provision of an Independent Impact and Evaluation Study for the NH-LEAD Initiative

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime

Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet

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Legal type of the buyer: Organisation awarding a contract subsidised by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Provision of an Independent Impact and Evaluation Study for the NH-LEAD Initiative

Description: Leading Healthcare Providers (LHP) Skillnet is seeking to partner with a suitably qualified organisation to undertake an independent longitudinal impact and evaluation study of the Nursing Home Leadership Education and Development (NH-LEAD) Initiative. Funded by the Department of Health, the NH-LEAD Initiative has been established to strengthen leadership, governance and management capability across Ireland's nursing home sector through the provision of accredited postgraduate education. The purpose of this procurement is to appoint an experienced research organisation to design and deliver a comprehensive mixed-methods evaluation of the initiative over its duration. The successful tenderer will be required to develop an evaluation framework and undertake a longitudinal study incorporating quantitative and qualitative research methods, including surveys, interviews, focus groups, stakeholder consultation, documentary review and other appropriate evaluation approaches. The evaluation should assess the implementation, effectiveness and impact of the initiative at learner, organisational and sectoral levels, providing robust evidence to inform future policy, programme development and investment in leadership education within the long-term residential care sector. Established in January 2008, Leading Healthcare Providers (LHP) Skillnet is a not-for-profit Learning Network co-funded by Skillnet Ireland and our member companies. Skillnet Ireland is funded through the National Training Fund by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. Of the 70+ Skillnet Ireland Learning Networks, LHP Skillnet is the only Network dedicated exclusively to supporting the private healthcare sector. We do this through the provision of high-quality, sector-led, subsidised training, education, research and workforce development. Skillnet Ireland, on behalf of LHP Skillnet, has been awarded a contract by the Department of Health to deliver the Nursing Home Leadership Education and Development (NH-LEAD) Initiative. The successful tenderer will be responsible for project mobilisation, baseline data collection, ongoing evaluation, interim reporting and a final impact evaluation. The study should examine the extent to which the initiative strengthens leadership capability, supports improvements in governance, quality improvement and regulatory preparedness, and contributes to improved organisational performance, workforce capability and resident outcomes within nursing homes.

The evaluation should also identify barriers and enablers to successful implementation and provide practical recommendations to support the future development of the initiative.

Procedure identifier: 4efd9bd4-aca0-47ff-a77c-d2693e40d40e

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, 73210000 Research consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.3. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 70 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 36 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 70 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

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

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 29/07/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=8656806>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=8656806>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Not allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 05/08/2026 12:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Duration during which the tender must remain valid: 90 Days

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 14/08/2026 00:00:00 (UTC+01:00) Central European Time, Western European Summer Time

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=8656806>

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: no

Electronic payment will be used: no

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: Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet

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

Organisation receiving requests to participate: Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet

Organisation processing tenders: Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Leading Healthcare Providers Skillnet

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Buyer profile: <https://www.lhpskillnet.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation receiving requests to participate
Organisation processing tenders

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland
Registration number: The High Court of Ireland
Department: The High Court of Ireland
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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation
Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.
Registration number: 002024901000
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Postcode: 15125
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Roles of this organisation:

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