

532058-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Ireland – Research and development services and related consultancy services – Phase Two:
Forensic Framework Lot 4 and Lot 5
OJ S 146/2026 31/07/2026
Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: The Office of the Director of Authorised Intervention Tuam

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Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Phase Two: Forensic Framework Lot 4 and Lot 5

Description: LOT 4 - Site Forensic Archaeologists / Site Archaeologists - ODAIT seeks the services of full-time Forensic Archaeologists and Archaeologists with experience of extensive excavation experience to work on site as part of a multidisciplinary team undertaking the recovery of human remains and other evidence from the Tuam Site in accordance with the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and forensic best practice. LOT 5 - Site Human Osteoarchaeologists / Site Forensic Anthropologists - ODAIT seeks the services of Human Osteo-archaeologists / Forensic Anthropologists to work on site full time, as part of a multidisciplinary team undertaking the recovery of human remains recovered from the Tuam Site in accordance with the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and forensic best practice. These individuals will be required to work as part of a multidisciplinary team who are recording and excavating human remains and associated evidence from the site of the former 'Mother and Baby Home' at Tuam, Co. Galway.

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Internal identifier: 7291836

Type of procedure: Other single stage procedure

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.4. General information

Additional information: Direct award contracts negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition. Previously established Forensic Frameworks exhausted: No suitable tenderers on Framework available to take up positions within required timeline. Unforeseeable event which brought about extreme urgency. ODAIT has previously undertaken two separate OJEU

procurement processes to establish multi-party framework agreements for highly skilled forensic, archaeological and osteological experts. The first procurement was advertised in January 2025 (this led to the award of framework agreements to [10] economic operators) and the second procurement was advertised in January 2026 (this led to the award of framework agreements to [26] economic operators). All economic operators appointed to the frameworks (who came from around the world) were offered call-off contracts. However, unfortunately and unforeseeably, [5] framework members on the first framework and [23] framework members on the second framework did not subsequently accept call-off contracts to carry out the services required at the site. In response to this immediate need to fill vacant positions within the Forensic Excavation Team at the Tuam site, the contracting authority (Office of the Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam - 'ODAIT') proposes to directly award contracts with each of the following economic operators following open market engagement: Patricia Fischer Site Human Osteologist, Sao Paulo, Brazil, contract start date 13/07/2026 Dave O'Reilly Site Forensic Archaeologist, Loughrea, Galway, contract start date 20/07/2026 Alfonso Lopez Loaiza Site Forensic Archaeologist, Bogota, Columbia, contract start date 27/07/2026 Rene Javier Della Canonica Fernandez Site Forensic Archaeologist, Valencia, Spain, contract start date 27/07/2026 The estimated value of each contract over three years is approximately €337,500 (ex VAT). These contracts are urgently required to allow ODAIT to continue its forensic excavation and analysis of human remains at the site of the former Mother and Baby Institution in Tuam, Ireland and to ensure ODAIT maintains international standards and best practice as required by law. If the vacant positions are not urgently filled, the impact will include site works continuing for a longer period than originally anticipated, extending wait times for those impacted by the Tuam Mother and Baby Institution, a prolonged inconvenience for residents and existing contracts extended beyond their planned completion dates. ODAIT faces a challenging situation; with potential for prolonged impact on families, survivors and residents. ODAIT considers that it has no option but to urgently appoint the above-mentioned forensic experts using the negotiated procedure without a prior call for competition in accordance with Art. 32(2)(c) of Directive 2014/24/EU (and transposing Irish Regulations). An urgent situation now exists, that is not attributable to ODAIT and has been brought about by events unforeseeable by ODAIT. The above-mentioned forensic experts will be required to meet the same standards as are specified in existing framework agreements. ODAIT is satisfied that they have the requisite experience and are available to begin work immediately. ODAIT considers that these awards are limited to what is necessary for ODAIT to continue its forensic excavations to international standards and best practice.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: LOT 4 - Site Forensic Archaeologists / Site Archaeologists

Description: ODAIT seeks the services of full-time Forensic Archaeologists and Archaeologists with experience of extensive excavation experience to work on site as part of a multidisciplinary team undertaking the recovery of human remains and other evidence from the Tuam Site in accordance with the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and forensic best practice.

Internal identifier: 1

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Quantity: 3 pieces

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

5.1.6. General information

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

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

5.1. Lot: LOT-0002

Title: LOT 5 - Site Human Osteoarchaeologists / Site Forensic Anthropologists

Description: ODAIT seeks the services of Human Osteo-archaeologists / Forensic Anthropologists to work on site full time, as part of a multidisciplinary team undertaking the recovery of human remains recovered from the Tuam Site in accordance with the Institutional Burials Act 2022 and forensic best practice. These individuals will be required to work as part of a multidisciplinary team who are recording and excavating human remains and associated evidence from the site of the former 'Mother and Baby Home' at Tuam, Co. Galway.

Internal identifier: 7291836

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services

Quantity: 1 piece

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

5.1.6. General information

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

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

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 1 350 000,00 EUR

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: The Office of the Director of Authorised Intervention Tuam
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Roles of this organisation:
Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

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Registration number: The High Court of Ireland
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Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: 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.
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Roles of this organisation:
TED eSender

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: David O'Reilly
Size of the economic operator: Micro
The organisation is a natural person
Town: Loughrea, Galway
Postcode: Loughrea, Galway
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Roles of this organisation:
Tenderer

8.1. ORG-0005

Official name: Alfonso Lopez Loaiza
Size of the economic operator: Micro
The organisation is a natural person
Town: Barrio Bolivia, Bogota-Columbia
Postcode: Barrio Bolivia, Bogota-Columbia
Country: Colombia

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

8.1. ORG-0006

Official name: Rene Javier Della Canonica Fernandez
Size of the economic operator: Micro
The organisation is a natural person
Town: Valencia, Spain
Postcode: Valencia, Spain
Country subdivision (NUTS): Madrid (ES300)
Country: Spain

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

8.1. ORG-0007

Official name: Patricia Fischer
Size of the economic operator: Micro
The organisation is a natural person
Town: Sao Paulo, Brazil
Postcode: Sao Paulo, Brazil
Country: Brazil

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

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