

Ireland-Cork: Environmental services
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Contract notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Environmental Protection Agency

Town: Cork

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Country: Ireland

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie>

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5. Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Producer Responsibility Initiatives – technical support to the EPA for enforcement of the WEEE Regulations (B2B producers)

II.1.2. Main CPV code

90700000 Environmental services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

In Ireland, the Producer Responsibility Initiatives (PRIs) for waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and batteries are underpinned by two sets of regulations - the European

Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 149 of 2014), and the European Union (Batteries and Accumulators) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 283 of 2014). The Producer Responsibility team in the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) is responsible for the enforcement of many aspects of these regulations. Producers of electrical and electronic equipment are divided between those that supply products to private households, known as business-to-consumer (B2C) producers, and those that supply to users other-than-private households referred to as business-to-business (B2B) producers. All producers must register with the national producer registration body, Producer Register Limited (PRL). They must also report on a monthly basis to the 'WEEE Blackbox' system the types and quantities of relevant EEE products that they are placing on the market in Ireland. To achieve compliance with their remaining legal obligations under the WEEE regulations, B2C producers can choose to either self-comply or to join one of the national compliance schemes, WEEE Ireland or ERP Ireland. B2B producers can only self-comply with the regulations. Battery producers can either self-comply or join a compliance scheme. The EPA is directly responsible for enforcement of B2B producer obligations. Self-complying B2B producers must submit WEEE Waste Management Plans and Reports to the EPA. A plan is required every three years while a report is required annually. Producers use an online web form to submit their plans and reports. The webform is accessed via the EPA's EDEN portal. The submissions are received and processed by the EPA using Microsoft Dynamics CRM software. A Waste Management Plan sets out how the producer intends to meet its obligations over a subsequent 3-year period to finance the take-back and management of WEEE arising from EEE that it has placed on the market in Ireland. A Waste Management Report provides information to the EPA on the quantities of WEEE that were taken back and managed by the producer in the previous year. In particular, the producer must report the destination and fate of the WEEE taken back and demonstrate fulfilment of applicable recovery and recycling targets. This information is used in national waste reporting and also in Ireland's national reporting to the EU Commission so the accuracy of the data in the submissions is critical. After submission, the plans and reports are assessed for adequacy and accuracy before they can be approved by the EPA. The verified data is then forwarded for inclusion in reports as outlined above. An annual audit campaign of a selected number (approx. 60) B2B producers is also carried out. These audits are a very useful way of verifying the adequacy of submissions but are also used to check compliance generally in the sector. Assessing plans and reports and the implementation of the annual audit campaign goes on throughout the year and requires continual communication and dialogue with stakeholders as well as with statutory bodies such the Producer Register Ltd., the compliance schemes and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, where required. The EPA intends to appoint a contractor to provide support services to the EPA for enforcement of the WEEE regulations as they apply to B2B producers including assessment of submissions, audit campaigns and provision of compliance guidance and assistance to the producers.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

90710000 Environmental management, 90712000 Environmental planning, 90713000 Environmental issues consultancy services, 90714000 Environmental auditing, 90714400 Activity specific environmental auditing services, 90720000 Environmental protection

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

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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

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

Option to extend by one year

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 IV: Procedure

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: 16/11/2023 Local time: 16:00

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.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 16/11/2023 Local time: 16:30

Section VI: Complementary information

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

Official name: The High Court

Town: Dublin
Country: Ireland

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

16/10/2023