Framework for Open Data Technical Support

Under Ireland's Open Data Initiative and as set out in Ireland's Open Data Strategy 2017-2022 launched on July 14th 2017 following Government approval, public bodies are to identify and publish appropriate datasets on the web as Open Data which can be linked to the national Open Data Portal at data.gov.ie. The Initiative aims to create an environment where, by opening up Government data, new opportunities for research, innovation, transparency, engagement and greater efficiency are delivered and realised by all.

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, following a procurement process on behalf of the wider Public Service, has commissioned a **Multi-Supplier Framework for the Provision of Technical Assistance and Support on the Implementation of Ireland's Open Data Initiative** for Public bodies in Ireland. This includes technical assistance and support for the following aspects of Open Data:

- Open Data Management
- Auditing data
- Data publishing
- Linking data
- Use Case analysis
- Data analytics
- Development of visualisation tools and visualisation applications

The framework agreement will be divided into two lots as described below:

No.	Description
Lot 1	Technical Assistance and Support for Open Data Management - Identification, Preparation, Publication and Maintenance
Lot 2	Technical Assistance and Support for the Use of Data Visualisation and Analytics Tools

There are nine (9) service providers on the Framework, across the two Lots and are listed below (alphabetically):

Lot 1 Framework Members	Lot 2 Framework Members
Compass Informatics Ltd	Capgemini Sogeti Ireland Ltd
Derilinx Limited	Compass Informatics Ltd
ESRI Ireland	Derilinx Limited
IBM Ireland	ESRI Ireland
Idiro Analytics	IBM Ireland
Open Sky Data Systems	Idiro Analytics
SAS Institute	Open Sky Data Systems
Urban Tide Ltd	SAS Institute

The information relating to Technical Assistance and Support on the Implementation of Ireland's Open Data Initiative is available on the [Office for Government Procurement (OGP)](#) website:

- A **Supplementary Request for Tenders Form [SRFT - Lot specific: SRFT Lot 1 & SRFT Lot 2]** is available on the OGP website
- A **User Guide** is also available to guide interested buyers on how to draw down services

    This information is on the buyer's area of the OGP website and as such a public service official seeking to draw down services will need to register using their public service email address here - https://bz.procurement.ie/

    The buyer's area is available to all public service employees who register using their public service email address.

    If you have any difficulties registering please contact registration@ogp.gov.ie or support@ogp.gov.ie

Accessing services covered by this framework is via Mini-Competition

There are a number of stages you must go through in order to run a Mini-Competition (*the User Guide provides further information on the steps below*):

1. *Define Specification:* Firstly, you must be clear about what you actually require and which Lot is applicable
2. *Choose Evaluation Criteria:* The award criteria for Mini-Competitions shall be by MEAT (Most Economically Advantageous Tender) in terms of Quality and Cost Ratio
3. *Supplementary Request for Tender Form Preparation:* Once the services and Lot has been identified the Client shall populate the Supplementary Request for Tender Form

Who can access this Framework?

The following entities (each a "Framework Client") may award (or "call off") contracts (each a "Services Contract") under the Framework Agreement in accordance with the rules set out in the form of Framework Agreement set out at Appendix 6. The Contracting Authority is also a Framework Client.

1. Ministers of the Government of Ireland, Central Government Departments, Offices and non-commercial Agencies and Organisations which have a formal reporting and legal relationship to Central Government Departments, including all local authorities in Ireland (themselves including regional assemblies, local enterprise boards and library bodies)

2. Contracting authorities in the Irish health sector including but not limited to the Health Service Executive (HSE); the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) and HSE funded Agencies delivering health & personal social services funded by more than 50% from Exchequer funds

3. Contracting authorities which are Third Level Educational Institutions (including universities, institutes of technology and members of the Education Procurement Service)

4. Contracting authorities which are Education and Training Boards (ETBs) and ETB schools, and primary, post-primary, special and secondary schools as well as ETBs acting on behalf of schools

5. An Garda Síochána (Police)

6. The Irish Prison Service

7. The Defence Forces

If you have any queries regarding this please contact the Open Data team in DPER at
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