

## Ireland: Road transport services

### Single Party Framework Agreements for the Provision of Passenger Transport Services across various routes in 19 Lots for Ability West (new competition of 22 July 2025)

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

#### 1 Buyer

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##### 1.1 Buyer

*Official name:* Ability West

*Legal type of the buyer:* Body governed by public law

*Activity of the contracting authority:* Social protection

#### 2 Procedure

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*Procedure identifier:* 25dd21a5-f842-4394-aa6b-715c920dff65

*Type of procedure:* Open

*The procedure is accelerated:* yes

*Justification for the accelerated procedure:* This competition is a replacement for the cancelled competition Ref: 5914775, which was cancelled due to a technical issue. There are no changes to the tender documents as per the final versions published under the old competition. An accelerated procedure is being used due to the urgent requirement to have the service in place as soon as possible in order to align with the original timeline.

### **2.1.1 Purpose**

*Main nature of the contract:* Services

*Main classification (cpv):* 60100000 Road transport services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 60112000 Public road transport services

*Additional classification (cpv):* 63712000 Support services for road transport

*Additional classification (cpv):* 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

### **2.1.2 Place of performance**

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* West (IE042)

*Country:* Ireland

### **2.1.3 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 9 095 000 Euro

*Maximum value of the framework agreement:* 9 095 000 Euro

### **2.1.4 General information**

*Additional information:* Please consult the associated documentation, which contains full instructions regarding the submission of tenders and is available to download from [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) using eTenders Resource ID – 6157796 Interested parties must associate their organisation with this competition on the eTenders web site ([www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)) in order to be included on the mailing list for clarifications and to upload tender responses. To do this you must do the following: Log-in to the eTenders portal; Locate the competition using the Advanced Search by searching under the Contracting Authority or Resource ID. Click on the hyperlink for the competition which will bring you to the CfT Workspace. In the Show CfT Menu for the competition click on the “Expression of Interest in the drop-down menu. Complete the Association with the CfT tab. This will then provide you with a link to Tender under the Show CfT Menu where you can prepare your submission. (1) When finalising your tender submission please upload your final response as a ZIP file as individual documents may lose their titles if uploaded individually. Also ensure that you receive a message under the status header called Submitted, as the percentage tab does not necessarily imply you have successfully submitted your response. (2) There is a maximum upload limit of 250MB per file and 500MB per tender submission. (3) Suppliers should note the following when making their submission suppliers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload & submit all required documentation before the submission deadline. Suppliers should consider the fact that upload speeds vary and that the new eTenders system operates in a different manner to the previous platform operated by EU-Supply. The submit button will be disabled automatically upon the expiration of the response deadline. (4) If you experience difficulty when uploading documents, please contact the eTenders Support Desk for technical assistance. Email [irish-eproc-helpdesk@eurodym.com](mailto:irish-eproc-helpdesk@eurodym.com) or Telephone: +353(0)818 001459 (09:00 – 17:00 hours). (5) Tenders submitted by any other means (including but not limited to email, post, messaging system on etenders or hand delivery) will not be accepted. (6) All information relating to attachments, including clarifications and changes, will be published on the Irish Government Procurement Opportunities Portal ([www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)) only. Registration is free of charge. The contracting authority will not accept responsibility for information relayed (or not relayed) via third parties. (7) All queries regarding this tender requirement or process must be submitted through the Irish Government Procurement Opportunities Portal [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) as a specific question. Responses will be circulated to those tenderers that have registered an interest in this notice on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie). The details of the person making a query will not be disclosed when circulating the response (8) The contracting authority will not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by candidates or tenderers. Contract award will be subject to the approval of the competent authorities. (9) Without prejudice to the principle of equal treatment, the contracting authority is not obliged to engage in a clarification process in respect of the procurement documents with missing or incomplete information. Therefore, respondents are advised to ensure that they return completed documentation in order to avoid the risk of elimination from the competition. (10) Where applicable, please note in relation to all documents, that where reference is made to a particular standard, make, source, process, trademark, type, or patent, that this is not to be regarded as a de facto requirement. In all such cases it should be understood that such indications are to be treated strictly and solely for reference purposes only, to

which the words "or equivalent" will always be appended. (11) At its absolute discretion, the contracting authority may elect to terminate this procurement process, the framework agreement or any contract awarded under the framework agreement at any time.

*Legal basis:*

Directive 2014/24/EU

## 5 Lot

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### 5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0001

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*Internal identifier:* 0

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*Options:*

*Description of the options:* The framework agreement in each Lot will be for a maximum period of four (4) years. The initial call-off contract in each Lot will be for a period of three (3) years, with an option to extend it for further periods of up to two (2) years subject to strategic alignment, satisfactory performance and budget availability.

#### 5.1.2 Place of performance

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* West (IE042)

*Country:* Ireland

*Additional information:*

### **5.1.3 Estimated duration**

*Duration:* 4 Year

### **5.1.5 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 9 095 000 Euro

*Maximum value of the framework agreement:* 9 095 000 Euro

### **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

*This procurement is also suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs):* yes

*Additional information:* The value of frameworks/initial call off contracts in each Lot may change as a result of the application of Clean and Energy-efficient vehicle requirements.

### **5.1.7 Strategic procurement**

*Aim of strategic procurement:* Fulfilment of social objectives

*Description:* Accessible passenger transport for people with disabilities

*Aim of strategic procurement:* Reduction of environmental impacts

*Description:* Clean and Energy Efficient Vehicle Requirements; Award criterion C - specific environmental measures

*Approach to reducing environmental impacts:* Pollution prevention and control

*Green Procurement Criteria:* Other Green Public Procurement criteria

*Social objective promoted:* Accessibility for all

*The procurement falls within the scope of the European Parliament and Council 2009/33/EC (Clean Vehicles Directive – CVD)*

*The CVD legal basis to establish which category of procurement procedure applies* Passenger road transport services

### **5.1.8 Accessibility criteria**

*Accessibility criteria for persons with disabilities are included*

### **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

*Address of the procurement documents:* <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=6157796>

### **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=6157796>

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

*Electronic catalogue:* Not allowed

*Variants:* Allowed

*Tenderers may submit more than one tender:* Allowed

*Deadline for receipt of tenders:* 06/08/2025 12:00 +01:00

*Deadline until which the tender must remain valid:* 12 Month

*Information about public opening:*

*Opening date:* 06/08/2025 12:30 +01:00

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=6157796>

**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:* yes

*Electronic payment will be used:* yes

**5.1.15 Techniques**

**Framework agreement:**

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

*Maximum number of participants:* 1

**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

*Information about review deadlines:* In line with statutory remedies and S.I. 130/2010.

*Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents:* Ability West

*Organisation receiving requests to participate:* Ability West

*Organisation processing tenders:* Ability West

**8 Organisations**

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**8.1 ORG-0001**

*Official name:* Ability West

*Registration number:* 61317

*Postal address:* Blackrock House, Salthill

*Town:* Galway

*Postcode:* H91R254

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* West (IE042)

*Country:* Ireland

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*Internet address:* <https://www.abiltywest.ie>

*Buyer profile:* <https://www.abiltywest.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

*Postal address:* Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

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Roles of this organisation:  
Review organisation

#### **8.1 ORG-0003**

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.  
Registration number: 002024901000  
Department: European Dynamics S.A.  
Town: Athens  
Postcode: 15125  
Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)  
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Roles of this organisation:  
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