

## Ireland: Seaweeds

# Call for Tender for the Supply of a Seaweed Direct Seeding Machine and Supporting Services

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

## 1 Buyer

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### 1.1 Buyer

*Official name:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )

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

*Activity of the contracting authority:* General public services

## 2 Procedure

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### 2.1 Procedure

*Title:* Call for Tender for the Supply of a Seaweed Direct Seeding Machine and Supporting Services

*Description:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) wishes to invite tenders for the Supply of a Seaweed Direct Seeding Machine and Associated Supporting Services to support BIM's Seaweed Development Programme. A growing global population, the depletion of natural resources, increasing environmental pressures, and the impacts of climate change require a fundamental shift in how food and bio-resources are produced. Central to this transition is the development of sustainable, low-impact systems capable of delivering climate-resilient food and materials. Ireland's Macro-Algal Strategy sets out a pathway to develop a sustainable seaweed cultivation sector that contributes to resilient food systems, climate mitigation, and a low-carbon bio economy. The strategy aims to scale up domestic seaweed production through innovation, improved infrastructure, and targeted research, while supporting the development of new markets in food, feed, biostimulants, ingredients, and other high-value applications. A core objective is to enable long-term sectoral growth while ensuring environmental protection and enhancing Ireland's competitiveness in the emerging global seaweed industry. Despite significant potential, seaweed production in Europe remains largely focused on wild harvesting, with cultivation at an early stage of commercial development. Ireland's Macro Algal Strategy seeks to address this imbalance by supporting the transition towards upscaled, regenerative seaweed cultivation systems, including the deployment of new technologies that can reduce labour intensity, increase efficiency, and enable expansion into suitable marine environments. BIM has operated a Seaweed Development Programme for over a decade, delivering applied research, technical manuals, hatchery protocols, industry training and mentoring, and strategic supports for sector development. A key focus of the programme is the identification, trialling and de-risking of cultivation technologies that can facilitate commercial-scale seaweed farming in Irish waters. Technological innovation, particularly in the early stages of deployment and grow-out, is recognised as a critical enabler for sector expansion. Direct seeding technologies have the potential to improve efficiency and scalability by enabling early-stage seaweed material to be deployed directly at sea, reducing hatchery dependence, handling requirements, and overall production costs. The successful tenderer will be required to supply:

- A seaweed direct seeding machine capable of applying juvenile seaweed material (e.g. spores, propagules or early-stage biomass) directly onto cultivation substrates.
- Supporting technical services, to include:
  - o Commissioning and functional testing of the equipment.
  - o Technical documentation and operating manuals.
  - o Training of BIM personnel and/or participating industry stakeholders
  - o Technical support during trial deployments.
  - o Maintenance guidance and troubleshooting support.
  - o Maintenance/ servicing estimated at 5 days over the duration of the contract and possible extensions.

The equipment must be robust, marine grade, and suitable for experimental, demonstration, and commercial scale operations. BIM is particularly interested in systems that support innovation, adaptability to multiple species, and integration with existing and emerging cultivation approaches. For further information on this tender competition, please see the accompanying tender documents.

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*Internal identifier:* BIM 2026-19

*Type of procedure:* Open

*The procedure is accelerated:* no

### **2.1.1 Purpose**

*Main nature of the contract:* Supplies

*Main classification (cpv):* 03313300 Seaweeds

*Additional classification (cpv):* 03000000 Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

*Additional classification (cpv):* 03313000 Aquatic products

*Additional classification (cpv):* 34930000 Marine equipment

*Additional classification (cpv):* 50240000 Repair, maintenance and associated services related to marine and other equipment

### **2.1.2 Place of performance**

*Country:* Ireland

Anywhere in the given country

### **2.1.3 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 75 000 Euro

### **2.1.4 General information**

*Legal basis:*

Other

### **2.1.6 Grounds for exclusion**

*Sources of grounds for exclusion:* Procurement Document

5 Lot

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### **5.1.3 Estimated duration**

*Duration:* 48 Month

### **5.1.5 Value**

*Estimated value excluding VAT:* 75 000 Euro

### **5.1.6 General information**

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

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

### **5.1.7 Strategic procurement**

*Aim of strategic procurement:* No strategic procurement

### **5.1.9 Selection criteria**

*Sources of selection criteria:* Procurement Document

### **5.1.10 Award criteria**

*Criterion:*

*Type:* Quality

*Description:* As per the tender document

*Category of award weight criterion:* Weight (percentage, exact)

*Award criterion number:* 70

*Criterion:*

*Type:* Price

*Description:* As per the tender document  
*Category of award weight criterion:* Weight (percentage, exact)  
*Award criterion number:* 30

#### **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:* 12/06/2026 12:00 +01:00  
*Address of the procurement documents:* <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=8261106>

#### **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=8261106>  
*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:* 19/06/2026 12:00 +01:00  
*Duration during which the tender must remain valid:* 180 Day

#### **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:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )  
*Organisation providing more information on the review procedures:* The High Court of Ireland  
*Organisation receiving requests to participate:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )  
*Organisation processing tenders:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )

## **8 Organisations**

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### **8.1 ORG-0001**

*Official name:* Bord Iascaigh Mhara - Irish Sea Fisheries Board ( BIM )  
*Registration number:* IE8Y56760H  
*Postal address:* West Pier, Old Dunleary Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 A621  
*Town:* Dublin  
*Postcode:* A96 A621  
*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Dublin (IE061)  
*Country:* Ireland  
*Email:* [procurement@bim.ie](mailto:procurement@bim.ie)  
*Telephone:* +353 1 2144100  
*Internet address:* <https://bim.ie>  
*Buyer profile:* <https://bim.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

*Town:* Dublin

*Postcode:* D07 WDX8

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Dublin (IE061)

*Country:* Ireland

*Email:* [HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie](mailto:HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie)

*Telephone:* +353 1 8886000

*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

*Department:* European Dynamics S.A.

*Town:* Athens

*Postcode:* 15125

*Country subdivision (NUTS):* Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)

*Country:* Greece

*Email:* [eproc-esender@eurodyn.com](mailto:eproc-esender@eurodyn.com)

*Telephone:* +30 2108094500

*Roles of this organisation:*

*TED eSender*

#### *Notice information*

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