

**IRELAND: OTHER COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES
THIS IS A VOLUNTARY EX ANTE TRANSPARENCY (VEAT) NOTICE. THIS NOTICE
ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY PROPOSES TO CONTRACT
WITH ADVANCE HE FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND IN RESPECT OF
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ATHENA SWAN CHARTER.**

Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice

1 Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name: Higher Education Authority

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2 Procedure

2.1 Procedure

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Description: Advance HE is the proprietor of the Athena Swan Charter, the gender equality framework. Ireland entered into an agreement with Advance HE in 2014 to effect cultural and systemic change in participating HEIs to support gender equality. The Athena Swan Charter Ireland was adapted in line with the findings of a national consultation in 2021 and redeveloped in the context of the Irish higher education system. Athena Swan Ireland is now embedded in Irish higher education, with 118 awards now held by institutions and departments (113 Bronze, 5 Silver). Advance HE is the only entity nationally or internationally that can provide access to the Athena Swan Charter for Irish Higher Education Institutions. A change in supplier would oblige the contracting authority to potentially change charter and due to the nature of the importance of using the Athena Swan charter for the reasons outlined above, it is would cause significant difficulties/disruption and inconvenience to both the organisation and the HEI's. In accordance with Article 32(5)b of Directive 2014/24/EU. Specifically, the contract renewal constitutes additional deliveries by the original supplier. A change of supplier would oblige the contracting authority to acquire material having different technical characteristics which would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation.

Procedure identifier: db9b4b57-fa92-4495-aa67-7c472ab1659b

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 98000000 Other community, social and personal services

2.1.4 General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5 Lot

5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0001

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Internal identifier: 1

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5.1.6 General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

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

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

TED eSender: European Dynamics S.A.

8 Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: Higher Education Authority

Size of the economic operator: medium

Postal address: 3 Shelbourne Buildings, Crampton Avenue

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Buyer profile: <https://hea.ie/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland

Registration number: The High Court of Ireland

Department: The High Court of Ireland

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Postcode: D07 WDX8

Country: Ireland

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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1 ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.

Registration number: 002024901000

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Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

11 Notice information

11.1 Notice information

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