

## IRELAND: DATABASE SYSTEMS

### AWARD OF CONTRACT TO IRISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES FOR THE PROVISION OF ACCESS TO AN ONLINE DATABASE OF IRISH NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS

Contract or concession award notice – standard regime

#### 1 Buyer

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##### 1.1 Buyer

*Official name:* Dublin City Council

*Legal type of the buyer:* Local authority

*Activity of the contracting authority:* General public services

#### 2 Procedure

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*Title:* Award of Contract to Irish Newspaper Archives for the provision of access to an online database of Irish newspaper publications

*Description:* This contract was awarded, on foot of a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice which was published on 7/6/2024, Notice ID 3723725. This contract was awarded to Irish Newspaper Archives for a period of 4 years. The total value of this contract is €59,400. Dublin City Council relied on Article 32 (b) for a derogation from public procurement where the works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons and (iii) the protection is exclusive rights including intellectual property rights to award this contract. Irish Newspaper Archives hosts the largest online catalogue of Irish newspapers in the world. There are no other companies that provide access to the 259 Irish Publications that the Irish Newspaper Archives offer. They provide access to legacy archive content as well as current editions through an e-newspaper facility. The unique aspect of Irish Newspaper Archives is its national coverage of regional and national newspapers reaching back of 280 years of Irish History. The large majority of the newspapers are available from their inception to current date. The archives hosts over 13 million pages of content and is expanding at the rate of 100k images per month. As such it is a unique resource which allows library users to access digital data not found elsewhere, and it is an essential and irreplaceable digital tool for online reference and research.

*Procedure identifier:* f03e1b49-2489-4d76-898a-983c6275c2f3

*Type of procedure:* Negotiated without prior call for competition

*Justification for the accelerated procedure:*

*Main features of the procedure:*

##### 2.1.1 Purpose

*Main nature of the contract:* Supplies

*Main classification (cpv):* 48610000 Database systems

##### 2.1.2 Place of performance

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

*Country:* Ireland

##### 2.1.4 General information

*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:* 1

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*Country:* Ireland

*Additional information:*

#### **5.1.6 General information**

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

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

#### **5.1.7 Strategic procurement**

*Aim of strategic procurement:* No strategic procurement

#### **5.1.10 Award criteria**

*Criterion:*

*Type:* Cost

*Name:*

*Description:* Cost @ 100%

*Weight (percentage, exact):* 100

*Description of the method to be used if weighting cannot be expressed by criteria:*

*Justification for not indicating the weighting of the award criteria:*

#### **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.

## 6 Results

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Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 59 400 Euro  
Approximate value of the framework agreements: 59 400 Euro  
Direct award:

*Justification for direct award:* The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

*Other justification:* This contract was awarded, on foot of a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice which was published on 7/6/2024, Notice ID 3723725. This contract was awarded to Irish Newspaper Archives for a period of 4 years. The total value of this contract is €59,400. Dublin City Council relied on Article 32 (b) for a derogation from public procurement where the works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons and (iii) the protection is exclusive rights including intellectual property rights to award this contract. Irish Newspaper Archives hosts the largest online catalogue of Irish newspapers in the world. There are no other companies that provide access to the 259 Irish Publications that the Irish Newspaper Archives offer. They provide access to legacy archive content as well as current editions through an e-newspaper facility. The unique aspect of Irish Newspaper Archives is its national coverage of regional and national newspapers reaching back of 280 years of Irish History. The large majority of the newspapers are available from their inception to current date. The archives hosts over 13 million pages of content and is expanding at the rate of 100k images per month. As such it is a unique resource which allows library users to access digital data not found elsewhere, and it is an essential and irreplaceable digital tool for online reference and research.

### 6.1 Result lot Identifier: LOT-0001

At least one winner was chosen.

#### 6.1.2 Information about winners

Winner:

*Official name:* Irish Newspaper Archives

*Tender:*

*Tender identifier:* Award of Contract to Irish Newspaper Archives for the provision of access to an online database of Irish newspaper publications

*Identifier of lot or group of lots:* LOT-0001

*Subcontracting:* No

*Contract information:*

*Identifier of the contract:* Award of Contract to Irish Newspaper Archives for the provision of access to an online database of Irish newspaper publications

*Date of the conclusion of the contract:* 01/03/2024

*The contract is awarded within a framework agreement:* no

## 8 Organisations

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### 8.1 ORG-0001

*Official name:* Dublin City Council

*Registration number:* IE47732154U

*Postal address:* Civic Offices, Wood Quay

Town: Dublin  
Postcode: D08 RF3F  
Country: Ireland  
Email: [betty.codd@dublincity.ie](mailto:betty.codd@dublincity.ie)  
Telephone: 01 2222222  
Internet address: <https://www.dublincity.ie>  
Buyer profile: <https://www.dublincity.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  
Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7  
Town: Dublin  
Postcode: D07 WDX8  
Country: Ireland  
Email: [HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie](mailto:HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie)  
Telephone: +353 1 8886000  
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  
Country: Greece  
Email: [eproc-esender@eurodyn.com](mailto:eproc-esender@eurodyn.com)  
Telephone: +30 2108094500  
Roles of this organisation:  
TED eSender

#### **8.1 ORG-0004**

Official name: Irish Newspaper Archives  
Registration number: 6390253N  
Postal address: Unit 2 St. Kierans Enterprise Centre, Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18  
Town: Dublin  
Country: Ireland  
Contact point: Andrew Martin  
Email: [andrew@ina.ie](mailto:andrew@ina.ie)  
Telephone: +353 1 2942173  
Roles of this organisation:  
Tenderer  
Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

#### **11 Notice information**

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**11.1 Notice information**

*Notice identifier/version:* 16eb242a-d49c-4941-abce-1ab82bf3eacc - 01

*Form type:* Result

*Notice type:* Contract or concession award notice – standard regime

*Notice dispatch date:* 01/10/2024 15:35 +01:00

*Languages in which this notice is officially available:* English

**11.2 Publication information**