

Ireland: Evaluation consultancy services

The Provision of An Evaluation of Curious Minds, Research Ireland's Primary School Science Programme for Research Ireland

Contract or concession award notice – standard regime

1 Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name: Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law, controlled by a central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2 Procedure

2.1 Procedure

Title: The Provision of An Evaluation of Curious Minds, Research Ireland's Primary School Science Programme for Research Ireland

Description: The Curious Minds primary school programme is directly managed by Research Ireland's EPE team. The aim of the programme is to support Ireland's STEM Education policy 2017-2026 by emphasising the need to move away from rote memorisation towards engaged, skills-focused learning. Elements of the Curious Minds programme which assist in this initiative include: 1. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for teachers In collaboration with ESERO Ireland, Curious Minds offers free CPD training for all primary school teachers – focusing on how STEM can be taught in a practical, hands-on manner. 812 teachers took part in the 2025 Summer courses (online and in-person) and 12-15 whole-school sessions took place for each workshop offered for the 2024/25 school year. 2. Classroom Resources The Curious Minds website has 100+ free resources available to support STEM teaching and learning, designed to complement the primary school curriculum. There were 27,930 resources download from the website in 2024. 3. Partnerships with teacher training colleges Curious Minds do CPD sessions in colleges every year to encourage an inquiry-based approach to STEM learning early in teacher training. Previously partnered with Froebel College of Education and are currently partnered with Marino College. 4. An awards programme for schools The Curious Minds awards give teachers and students the opportunity to celebrate their school's STEM achievements. Registration for the awards opens at the start of the school year, with the submission deadline closing early May. Teachers record a log of evidence of STEM activity to submit online. In 2025, 397 primary schools received a Curious Minds award. 5. A network of science, heritage and discovery centres offering non-formal learning opportunities Research-Ireland accredited centres provide programmes and workshops designed using the Curious Minds inquiry-based framework. Currently, there are 42 members in the network, who attend quarterly meetings organised by Curious Minds

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Previous notice: 28c5a497-898b-4bc3-9775-6c13440334d9-01

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

Additional classification (cpv): 79410000 Business and management consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 72225000 System quality assurance assessment and review services

Additional classification (cpv): 71600000 Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

Additional classification (cpv): 80100000 Primary education services

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:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5 Lot

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Internal identifier: 0

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5.1.2 Place of performance

Country: Ireland
Anywhere in the given country
Additional information:

5.1.3 Estimated duration

Duration: 18 Month

5.1.5 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 75 000 Euro

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

Description: Cost@20%

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

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Qualitative @ 80%

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

Award criterion number: 80

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: Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

6 Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 64 037,5 Euro

6.1 Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2 Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Crowe

Tender:

Tender identifier: 000143890
Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001
Value of the tender: 64 037,5 Euro
Subcontracting: No
Contract information:
Identifier of the contract: 435484
Date of the conclusion of the contract: 12/12/2025

6.1.4 Statistical information

Received tenders or requests to participate:
Type of received submissions: Tenders
Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 7

8 Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland
Registration number: IE9510661S
Postal address: Three Park Place, Hatch Street Upper, Dublin 2, Ireland
Town: Dublin
Postcode: D02 FX65
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Email: info@researchireland.ie
Telephone: +35316073200
Internet address: <https://www.researchireland.ie>
Buyer profile: <https://www.researchireland.ie>
Roles of this organisation:
Buyer
Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: Crowe
Size of the economic operator: Medium
Registration number: 545743
Postal address: 40 Mespil Road
Town: Dublin
Postcode: D04 C2N4
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Email: shane.mcquillan@crowe.ie
Telephone: 086 044 2084
Internet address: www.crowe.ie
Roles of this organisation:
Tenderer
Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

8.1 ORG-0003

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

Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1 ORG-0004

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

Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

Notice information

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