Ireland: Certification services
Call for Tender for the Provision of Marine Stewardship Council Assessment for Irish Albacore Tuna

Contract or concession award notice – standard regime

1 *Buyer*

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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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Internal identifier: BIM 2026-21
Type of procedure: Open
The procedure is accelerated: *no*

2.1.1 *Purpose*

Main nature of the contract: Services
Main classification (cpv): 79132000 Certification services
Additional classification (cpv): 98361000 Aquatic marine services
Additional classification (cpv): 77800000 Aquaculture services

2.1.2 *Place of performance*

Country: Ireland
Anywhere in the given country

2.1.3 *Value*

Estimated value excluding VAT: 65 000 *Euro*

2.1.4 *General information*

Legal basis:
Other

5 *Lot*

5.1 *Lot*: LOT-0001

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Additional information:

5.1.3 *Estimated duration*

Duration: 24 *Month*

5.1.5 *Value*

Estimated value excluding VAT: 65 000 *Euro*

5.1.6 *General information*

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

5.1.7 *Strategic procurement*

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

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

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

6 *Results*

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 54 980 *Euro*

6.1 *Result lot identifier*: LOT-0001

At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2 *Information about winners*

Winner:
Official name: LRQA (Seafood) Limited
Tender:
Tender identifier: 000181736
Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001
Contract information:
Identifier of the contract: 456570
Date of the conclusion of the contract: 18/08/2026

8 *Organisations*

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
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

8.1 ORG-0002
Official name: LRQA (Seafood) Limited
Size of the economic operator: *Medium*
Registration number: SC313289
Postal address: 3 Lochside Way
Town: Edinburgh
Postcode: EH12 9DT
Country: United Kingdom
Email: sam.dignan@lrqa.com
Telephone: +353872842137
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

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