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Tender

DFE - InterTradeIreland - Shared Island Women in Research

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-06029f

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Scope

Reference

ID 6236249

Description

InterTradeIreland is the Trade and Business Development Implementation Body, one of six cross-border bodies established under the 1998 Belfast Agreement. InterTradeIreland, under the Shared Island Enterprise Scheme, aim to appoint up to four Suppliers to design, manage and deliver the Women in Research Programme. This is an all-island initiative designed to support women researchers in commercialising their research and progressing towards investment and business creation. Delivered by the Buyer under the Shared Island Enterprise Scheme, the programme aims to bridge the gender gap in research commercialisation by providing structured support, entrepreneurial training and access to market validation opportunities. The programme will run from the date of award (anticipated to be March 2026) and must be completed by 31 December 2028.

Total value (estimated)

- £935,000 excluding VAT
- £1,122,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 31 December 2028
- 2 years, 9 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per Tender documentation

Submission

Enquiry deadline

30 January 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

9 February 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT)

opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below. Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC1 Proposed Methodology	This is a scored criterion with a Quality 25% weighting, as detailed in the tender documents.	
AC2 Key Personnel Experience	This is a scored criterion with a Quality 19% weighting, as detailed in the tender documents.	
AC3 Contract Management and Contingency	This is a scored criterion with a Quality 12% weighting, as detailed in the tender documents.	
AC4 Recruitment Activities	This is a scored criterion with a Quality 12% weighting, as detailed in the tender documents.	
AC5 Outreach and Regional Balance	This is a scored criterion with a Quality 19% weighting, as detailed in the tender documents.	
AC6 Social Value	This is a scored criterion with a Quality 13% weighting, as detailed in the tender documents.	

Weighting description

80 percent quality and 20 percent cost.

Other information

Payment terms

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Preliminary Market Engagement was undertaken by InterTradeIreland.

Contracting authority

InterTradeIreland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZBY-5224-MBBM

Old Gasworks Business Park, Kilmorey Street

Newry

BT34 2DE

United Kingdom

Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Region: UKN08 - Newry, Mourne and Down

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies and Service Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YW XV

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies and Service Division](#) for any enquiries.