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Award

T25-192BUS Tender for Nighttime Illumination of Tall Ships at 2026 Foyle Maritime Festival

Derry City and Strabane District Council

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Scope

Description

Derry and Strabane District Council (DCSDC) invites proposals from suitably qualified organisations to illuminate the ships and vessels procured for 3 nights of the 2026 Foyle Maritime Festival which will take place from Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th June next year. Applauded for its ambitious and dynamic programme of events both on and off the water, the award-winning festival is located alongside the River Foyle in the heart of Derry city, spanning 1.5 miles along the riverfront. A range of themed zones and performance spaces are located throughout, all set to a magical backdrop of live music, animation, markets, visiting ships and boats, fantastic food and bespoke keynote events. Renowned as one of the largest maritime events to occur in Ireland and the UK, this bi-annual event attracted approximately 135,000 attendees when it last occurred for 4 days in 2024, appealing to local, regional, national and international visitors. For 2026 Council are extending the spectacle and magic created by former festival showcases by delivering a light installation over 3 nights of the festival from 9pm until dawn. Entitled 'Sails of Solas', the illumination of the tall masts and sails of the ships procured for the festival, will create a striking display of light and reflection along the riverfront. The bespoke illumination of the boats will present them in a new light emphasising their grandeur and majesty while the timing of the display invites people to revel in a private viewing as the city and ships sleep. Your submission must be submitted via etendersNI, via this CFT. No other method

of submissions will be accepted. Please refer to the CfT documents for further detail.

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Supplier

- [Visual Spectrum Studios Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £35,970 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 February 2026 to 30 June 2026

- 4 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 31000000 - Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting
- 31500000 - Lighting equipment and electric lamps
- 31530000 - Parts of lamps and lighting equipment

Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

Visual Spectrum Studios Ltd

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Belfast

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United Kingdom

Email: oisin@visualspectrum.studio

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Derry City and Strabane District Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGJQ-8275-HLMG

98 Strand Road

Derry

BT48 7NN

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@derrystrabane.com

Website: <http://www.derrystrabane.com>

Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland