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Planning

DfE - Careers Portal Project - PRE MARKET ENGAGEMENT

Department for the Economy

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Scope

Reference

ID 5831069

Description

The Department for the Economy (DfE) is preparing to initiate a procurement process to establish a contract with a supplier, or suppliers, to build an online, standalone, Careers Portal aiming to become the single starting point for all those requiring careers information in NI. The potential scale and scope of this service is such that it offers a significant opportunity to bidders. Prior to initiating the procurement, DfE wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process.

The questionnaire must be completed and submitted via eTendersNI by the engagement deadline date and time detailed above.

Details of additional participating bodies can be found detailed within the questionnaire

document.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2029
- Possible extension to 30 September 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

22 May 2025

Engagement process description

If you wish to participate in the Contracting Authority's Preliminary Market Engagement for this requirement, a questionnaire for completion is available via eTendersNI under ID 5831069.

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Contracting authority

Department for the Economy

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZXX-5679-MBYZ

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Email: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website: <http://economy-ni.gov.uk>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

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 & Services 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

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Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.