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Tender

P2025-195 - Invitation to Tender - SmartNano Event Services - Northern Ireland

Digital Catapult

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Scope

Reference

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Description

SmartNanoNI is a project supported by UKRI through the Strength In Places Fund. It covers photonics, advanced engineering, data analytics and smart manufacturing across all of Northern Ireland. The SmartNanoNI project partners are:

- Seagate
- Analytics Engines
- Causeway Sensors
- Cirdan
- Yelo

- Digital Catapult
- Ulster University
- Queens University Belfast
- North West Regional College

The project has a number of specific KPIs it wishes to engage external support to help develop and improve. These KPIs are KPI2) Number REF Case Studies, KPI4) GVA per Employee, KPI8) Number of Companies Upskilling or Reskilling.

An external supplier is sought who will be able to operate network or cluster that will support SmartNanoNI's activities and goals. It will be predominantly focused on the North West Region of Northern Ireland but it will have some level of engagement across all of Northern Ireland. It is anticipated the work contracted will allow a range of companies to engage with skills development programmes, that impacts will be collected and reported on and that there will be introductions made bringing Northern Ireland companies into contact with SmartNanoNI partners.

Digital Catapult shall retain ownership of all images and footage shot and developed on our behalf. At the end of the contract, all code, assets, documentation and files will be handed over to and owned by Digital Catapult.

The main location to be serviced under this Agreement is within the Northern Ireland area, and there may be a need for meetings there as appropriate.

Total value (estimated)

- £150,000 excluding VAT
- £180,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027

- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Conditions of participation

Suppliers are required to complete the Supplier Information Questionnaire.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 May 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

30 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.mytenders.co.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Overall quality and delivery of Northern Ireland commercial ecosystems	Bidders must show strong evidence of their familiarity of the Northern Ireland commercial ecosystem, especially with regard to the companies in the photonics, advanced engineering, data analytics and smart manufacturing sectors. Bidders must detail how they would typically approach projects that may be awarded to them based on the scope of work.	Quality	30.00%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	<p>Digital Catapult wants to purchase services that deliver wider benefits to people, the environment and the economy within their sphere of operation. The social value priority theme for this requirement is tackling economic inequality as follows: • Support innovation and disruptive technologies throughout the supply chain to deliver lower cost and/or higher quality goods and services. • Promoting sustainability practices and technologies. Please set out activities you would be able to undertake which would support and enable the contracting Digital Catapult to achieve this aim and delivering against the above Social Value priority.</p>	Price	30.00%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Relevant track record & experience	<p>Bidders must detail and provide evidence of their track record of promoting and raising the profile of the photonics, advanced engineering, data analytics or smart manufacturing sectors and the ability to do so predominantly in the North West area of Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Bidders must demonstrate their previous experience of supporting skills and workforce development and the ability to do so and the ability to do so by engaging with organisations such as engaging with schools, North West Regional College, Atlantic Technological University and Ulster University.</p>	Quality	20.00%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Project management and communication approach (including project timeline) and Bidder's process of managing complex projects	Bidders should demonstrate their project management and communication approach: in particular, they must be able to demonstrate their experience of managing business interaction events (approx. 9 per year) such as business breakfasts, showcases and networking events among local companies, research organisations and government representatives.	Quality	10.00%
Event Attendance & Innovation	Bidders must outline how they have encouraged innovation and the ability to promote and facilitate collaboration between Northern Ireland companies and the SmartNanoNI partners.	Quality	5.00%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Social Value	<p>Digital Catapult wants to purchase services that deliver wider benefits to people, the environment and the economy within their sphere of operation. The social value priority theme for this requirement is tackling economic inequality as follows: • Support innovation and disruptive technologies throughout the supply chain to deliver lower cost and/or higher quality goods and services. • Promoting sustainability practices and technologies. Please set out activities you would be able to undertake which would support and enable the contracting Digital Catapult to achieve this aim and delivering against the above Social Value priority.</p>	Quality	5.00%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=598258

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Appendix A - Commercial Pricing Schedule

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=598260

Appendix B - SIQ

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Authority/NoticeBuilder/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=598261

Appendix C - Terms and Conditions

Contracting authority

Digital Catapult

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Procurement Department

Email: procurement@digicatapult.org.uk

Website: <https://www.digicatapult.org.uk>

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)