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Tender

ID 5828449 - TEO - Equality Commission – Provision of IT Support to Equality House ALBs and NIHRC

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

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Scope

Description

In its capacity as Lead Tenant for organisations based in Equality House and the NI Human Rights Commission, ECNI requires a contract for the provision of IT Support Services. The Contract will be for an Implementation period of up to 8 weeks, followed by an Initial period of 3 years with the option to extend for two further periods of up to 24 months each. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables of this contract.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,916,666.67 excluding VAT
- £2,300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 September 2025 to 16 November 2028
- Possible extension to 16 November 2032
- 7 years, 1 month, 25 days

Description of possible extension:

Following contract award there will be an implementation period of approximately 8 weeks prior to commencement of the Initial Term. Optional extension periods will be subject to review and satisfactory performance assessment by the Contracting Authority.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
 - 72500000 - Computer-related services
 - 72510000 - Computer-related management services
 - 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
 - 72700000 - Computer network services
 - 72610000 - Computer support services
 - 72511000 - Network management software services
 - 72611000 - Technical computer support services
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Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per Tender documentation

Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 August 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 August 2025, 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)

22 September 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 17 May 2032

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC1 - Implementation Plan	As per tender documentation	Quality
AC2 - Service Delivery	As per tender documentation	Quality
AC3 - Contract and Account Management	as per tender documentation	Quality
AC4 - Business Continuity	as per tender documentation	Quality
AC5 - Social Value	as per tender documentation	Quality
AC6 - Total Contract Price	as per tender documentation	Price

Weighting description

Award criteria

Other information

Payment terms

Contract Value

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.

Description of risks to contract performance

Exclusions

If at any time during the procurement, or post award, it comes to the attention of the Contracting Authority (CA) or CPD, by whatever means, that a Supplier has become 'excluded' or 'excludable' as per Sec 57 of the PA 2023, the CA, after compliance with its obligations under the PA 23, reserves the right to exclude said Supplier from the procurement procedure or terminate any contract they have been awarded.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the rights:

- (I). not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;
- (II). to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering

Competition;

(III). to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and

(IV). to award contract(s) in stages.

and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCRV-7846-NVYR

Equality House, 7-9 Shaftsbury Square

Belfast

BT2 7DP

United Kingdom

Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-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

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

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