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Award

ID 5827132 - DFE: InterTradelreland: All Island Women's Entrepreneurship

Intertradelreland

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Scope

Reference

ID 5827132

Description

InterTradelreland is the Trade and Business Development Implementation Body, one of six cross-border bodies established under the 1998 Belfast Agreement.

InterTradelreland's mission is to identify and help realise opportunities to improve competitiveness, generate economic growth, and create sustainable, quality jobs in both jurisdictions, through increased levels of North/South trade and co-operation on innovation and business development opportunities.

InterTradelreland, under the Shared Island Enterprise Scheme, aim to appoint up to four Suppliers to design, manage and deliver four programmes to promote Women's Entrepreneurship.

This tender has been divided into four separate lots and Suppliers may bid for as many

lots as they want. Each lot will be evaluated independently of each other.

Lot ID 5827132: Lot 2. LOT 2 - Shared Growth Programme

Description

Shared Growth is an all-island initiative designed to support women-led businesses in achieving sustainable growth and with ambition to trade cross-border. Delivered by InterTradelreland (ITI) under the Shared Island Enterprise Scheme, this programme will provide structured training, mentorship, and strategic support to help women entrepreneurs grow their businesses, increase their market presence, and enhance their leadership capabilities.

It is anticipated that this programme will run to 31 December 2028 with a total maximum budget of the sterling equivalent of £800,470 (excluding VAT). The delivery model will ensure tailored support for businesses, providing structured learning, peer networking, and expert mentorship. These programmes will also leverage existing support structures from InterTradelreland, Enterprise Ireland, Invest Northern Ireland, and other key stakeholders to maximise impact and sustainability.

Lot ID 5827132: Lot 3. LOT 3 - Scale Together Programme

Description

Scale Together is an all-island initiative designed to support women-led businesses in achieving sustainable growth and international expansion. Delivered by InterTradelreland (ITI) under the Shared Island Enterprise Scheme, this programme will provide structured training, mentorship, and strategic support to help women entrepreneurs grow their businesses, increase their market presence, and enhance their leadership capabilities.

It is anticipated that this programme will run for to 31 December 2028 with a total maximum budget of the sterling equivalent of £421,300 (excluding VAT). The delivery model will ensure tailored support for businesses, providing structured learning, peer networking, and expert mentorship. These programmes will also leverage existing support structures from InterTradelreland, Enterprise Ireland, Invest Northern Ireland, and other key stakeholders to maximise impact and sustainability.

Lot ID 5827132: Lot 4. LOT 4 - Future Focused Tech Programme

Description

The Future Focused Tech Programme is an all-island initiative designed

to equip women entrepreneurs with the mentorship, digital skills, confidence, networks, and funding access needed to lead and innovate in tech-enabled businesses.

It is anticipated that this programme will run to 31 December 2028 with a total maximum budget of the sterling equivalent of £800,470 (excluding VAT) The delivery model will ensure tailored support for businesses, providing structured learning, peer networking, and expert mentorship. These programmes will also leverage existing support structures from InterTradelreland, Enterprise Ireland, Invest Northern Ireland, and other key stakeholders to maximise impact and sustainability.

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Lots

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Supplier

- WOMEN IN BUSINESS NI LTD

Contract value

- £800,470 excluding VAT
- £960,564 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

11 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 22 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

24 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 September 2025 to 31 December 2028
- 3 years, 3 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Lot ID 5827132: Lot 3. LOT 3 - Scale Together Programme

Supplier

- AWAKENHUB LTD

Contract value

- £421,300 excluding VAT
- £505,560 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 September 2025

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Supplier

- TechFoundHer LTD

Contract value

- £800,470 excluding VAT
- £960,564 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

Lot ID 5827132: Lot 2. LOT 2 - Shared Growth Programme

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

Lot ID 5827132: Lot 3. LOT 3 - Scale Together Programme

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 2 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot ID 5827132: Lot 4. LOT 4 - Future Focused Tech Programme

- 2 tenders 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)
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Lots that will not be awarded

Lot ID 5827132. ID 5827132 LOT 1 - Women Innovating in Research Education Programme (W.I.R.ED)

Description

The W.I.R.ED initiative falls under the Women's Entrepreneurship priority and aims to support the commercialisation of research conducted by female university researchers. It will provide a structured package of support to Principal Investigators (PI) and Researchers at Masters, PhD, and Postdoctoral levels, enabling them to undertake market validation activities and advance towards commercial viability.

It is anticipated that the programme will run to 31 December 2028 with a total budget of £905,000 (excluding VAT). The delivery model is designed to ensure a clear pathway from ideation to commercialisation funding, leveraging existing support structures from InterTradeIreland, Enterprise Ireland, Invest Northern Ireland, and academic institutions and research organisations across the island.

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Date of decision not to award

11 September 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

AWAKENHUB LTD

- Companies House: NI671127
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCN-8171-QCZT

Hollywell Trust, 12-14 Bishop Street

Londonderry

BT48 6PW

United Kingdom

Email: clare@awakenhub.com

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

Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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TechFoundHer LTD

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLJX-2283-LYDP

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Ireland

Email: info@techfoundher.com

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

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS NI LTD

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHQR-4676-GLQP

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Belfast

BT1 4GB

United Kingdom

Email: roseann@thewibgroup.com

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

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Intertradelreland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZBY-5224-MBBM

Kilmorey Street

Newry

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Region: UKN08 - Newry, Mourne and Down

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-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 CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.