

## Details

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**Has Documents:** Yes

**Abstract:** The NDFA is the statutory financial advisor to Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE) for the DART Underground Interconnector project. Contract description: The NDFA intends to enter into a contract for the provision of external financial advisory services to assist the NDFA in its financial advisory role in relation to the Interconnector project. (Please see further details below at II.2.1). Background: The Interconnector project entails the design, build, financing and maintenance of a 5.2km twin bore tunnel for electrified heavy rail with 5 underground stations, in Dublin city centre, linking the Northern line to the Heuston line, with any ancillary works required in connection with the works. CIE is the Commercial semi-state National Transport Company with 3 major operating subsidiaries Iarnród Éireann, Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann. CIE is the sponsoring agency for the Interconnector project. For further information on this competition please refer to the Invitation to Tender. CPV: 66171000.

## Additional Documents

| Description           | Name                                         | Size   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| ITT                   | DART Underground Interconnector ITT.pdf      | 399931 |
| Contract              | DART Underground Interconnector Contract.pdf | 386072 |
| Form of Tender - Word | Interconnector ITT - Form of Tender.doc      | 240640 |
| Contract - Word       | DART Underground Interconnector Contract.DOC | 787968 |

## Contact Information

**Main Contact:** interconnectorproject@ndfa.ie

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**Technical Contact:** N/a

**Other Contact:** N/a

## Full Notice Text

### CONTRACT NOTICE

#### SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

##### I.1) Name, Address and Contact Point(s)

|                                                                 |                                     |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Official Name:</b><br>National Development Finance Agency    |                                     |                       |
| <b>Postal Address:</b><br>Treasury Building, Grand Canal Street |                                     |                       |
| <b>Town:</b><br>Dublin 2, Ireland                               | <b>Postal Code:</b>                 | <b>Country:</b><br>IE |
| <b>For the attention of:</b><br>Head of Control                 | <b>Telephone:</b><br>+353 1 6640800 |                       |
| <b>E-Mail:</b><br>interconnectorproject@ndfa.ie                 | <b>Fax:</b><br>n/a                  |                       |
| <b>General Address of the contracting authority (URL)</b>       |                                     |                       |

[www.ndfa.ie](http://www.ndfa.ie)  
**Address of the Buyers Profile (URL)**  
<http://www.etenders.gov.ie/notice/AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA9921>

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| Further information can be obtained at:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> As in above mentioned contact point(s)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please complete Annex A.I</i>   |
| Specifications and further documents can be obtained at: | <input type="checkbox"/> As in above mentioned contact point(s)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please complete Annex A.II</i>  |
| Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:      | <input type="checkbox"/> As in above mentioned contact point(s)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please complete Annex A.III</i> |

## I.2) Type of contracting Authority and Main Activity or Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions<br><input type="checkbox"/> National or federal agency/Office<br><input type="checkbox"/> Regional or local Authority<br><input type="checkbox"/> Regional or local Agency/Office<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body governed by public law<br><input type="checkbox"/> European Institution/Agency or International Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> General public services<br><input type="checkbox"/> Defence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public order and safety<br><input type="checkbox"/> Environment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Economic and financial affairs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> Housing and community amenities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social protection<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, culture and religion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Education<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>Please specify</i> )<br><a href="#">Public Investment in Infrastructure</a> |
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The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities **No**

## SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

### II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority  
[Financial Advisory Services DART Underground Interconnector Project](#)

II.1.2 (a)) Type of works contract

II.1.2 (b)) Type of supplies contract

II.1.2 (c)) Type of service contract  
 Service category **6**

II.1.2) Main site or location of works, place of delivery or performance  
[Dublin](#)

NUTS Code **IE021**

II.1.3) This notice involves

A public contract



The setting up of a Dynamic Purchasing System



The establishment of a framework agreement



II.1.4) Information on framework agreement (*if applicable*)

Framework agreement with a single operators



Framework agreement with several operators



Number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged

Duration of the framework agreement

Justification for a framework agreement the duration of which exceeds four years

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Frequency and value of the contracts to be awarded

**II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

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Contract description: The NDFA intends to enter into a contract for the provision of external financial advisory services to assist the NDFA in its financial advisory role in relation to the Interconnector project. (Please see further details below at II.2.1).

Background: The Interconnector project entails the design, build, financing and maintenance of a 5.2km twin bore tunnel for electrified heavy rail with 5 underground stations, in Dublin city centre, linking the Northern line to the Heuston line, with any ancillary works required in connection with the works.

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For further information on this competition please refer to the Invitation to Tender.

**II.1.6) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV)**

Main vocabulary      Supplementary vocabulary *(when applicable)*

Main object      **66171000**

Additional objects

**II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**



**II.1.8) Division into lots**

No

**II.1.9) Will variants be accepted**

No

**II.2) Quantity or Scope of the Contract**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

The contract which may be awarded under this competition will be for the provision of financial advisory services to assist the NDFA in its role as statutory financial advisor to Córas Iompair Éireann in connection with the DART Underground Interconnector project, as more particularly described in the Invitation to Tender.

**II.2.2) Options**

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options

Number of possible renewals

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated time frame for subsequent contracts

**SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**III.1) Conditions Relating to the Contract**

**III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

**III.1.2) Main Terms of financing and payment and/or reference to the relevant provisions**

See Tender documents

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract is to be awarded**

The NDFA intends awarding a contract for the above services. If a tender is submitted by a group (more than one) of service providers then these service providers, if awarded the contract, may be required to assume such legal form by incorporation as will enable them to contract as a single entity. NDFA reserves the right to disqualify any group or consortium which makes changes to the composition of the group after tender submission without the consent of the NDFA.

**III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject**

**III.2) Conditions for Participation**

**III.2.1)**

Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

Details are contained in the invitation to Tender

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:  
See Invitation to Tender.

Minimum level(s) of standard possibly required

In order to demonstrate the economic and financial capacity of the applicant, each applicant must provide:  
confirmation that the annual turnover of the Tenderer in each of the last three years must be equal to or greater than €30 million (excluding VAT);  
confirmation from their insurer or insurance broker that professional indemnity insurance to the minimum value of €20 million is available to them; and  
confirmation that the candidate or each member has provided the same or similar financial advisory services for a PPP project of at least €100m capital cost ex-VAT within the past 3 years. The PPP project must have achieved either BAFO or Preferred Bidder stage.

III.2.3) Technical capacity

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:  
See Invitation to Tender

Minimum level(s) of standard possibly required

III.2.4) Reserved contracts

The contract is restricted to sheltered workshops ☐

The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes ☐

**III.3) Conditions Specific to Service Contracts**

III.3.1) Is provision of the service reserved to a specific profession?

No

III.3.2) Will legal entities be required to state the names and professional qualifications of the personnel responsible for the execution of the service?

Yes

**SECTION IV: PROCEDURE**

**IV.1) Type of Procedure**

Open ☒

Restricted ☐

Accelerated restricted ☐

Negotiated ☐

Accelerated negotiated ☐

Competitive dialogue ☐

Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure

IV.1.1) Have candidates already been selected?

No

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate

Envisaged minimum number

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates

IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated ☐

**IV.2) Award Criteria**

A) Lowest Price No

B) The most economically advantageous tender in terms of:

B1) Criteria as stated in contract documents: Yes

B2) Criteria as stated below: No

Criteria

Weighting

- IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used  
No

#### IV.3 Administrative Information

- IV.3.1) Reference number attributed to the notice by the contracting authority

- IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Prior Information Notice

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Notice on a Buyer Profile

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Other previous publications

- IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents  
Obtainable until

Price (*where applicable*) Currency:

Terms and method of payment:

- IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate  
02-12-2008 12:00

- IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates  
Estimated date

- IV.3.6) Language or languages in which tenders or requests to participate can be drawn up  
EN ☒

- IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

- IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders (*where applicable*)

Date:

Place

#### SECTION VI: OTHER INFORMATION

- VI.1) **Indicate whether this procurement is a recurrent one and the Estimated timing for further notices to be published**

- VI.2) **Does the contract relate to a Project/Programme financed by Community Funds?**  
No

*If yes, indicate the project/programme and any useful reference*

- VI.3) **Additional Information**

Whilst neither the NDFA, CIÉ nor IÉ are subject to the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003, there are several other stakeholders in the Project who are subject to them (for example, the Department of Transport). If applicants consider that any of the information which they provide in connection with this procurement process should not be disclosed because it is commercially sensitive or is confidential information that relates to matters affecting the applicant's business (such as technical or trade secrets or the confidential aspects of tenders) or otherwise, they must, when providing the information, clearly identify the specific information they consider should not be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons therefore.

(a) Tenderers shall state if any of (and the reasons why) information supplied by them in response to this notice is confidential or commercially sensitive or should not be disclosed in respect of a request for information under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997-2003.

(b) Any contract award is subject to production of a current tax clearance certificate from the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland, and other pre-conditions, as set out in the Invitation to Tender.

(c) All costs incurred by tenderers in preparing tenders must be borne by them. The contracting authority accepts no liability for these costs, irrespective of the outcome of the competition, or if the competition is postponed or cancelled.

(d) The contracting authority may terminate this competition (or any part thereof), change the basis of and the procedures for the bidding process, at any time, or procure the project by alternative means if it appears that the

project can thereby be more advantageously procured. The most economically advantageous or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

(e) Tenderers must register their interest on the etenders website ([www.e-tenders.gov.ie](http://www.e-tenders.gov.ie)) in order to be included on the mailing list for documentation in relation to the competition.

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**VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

**Official Name:**

High Court of Ireland

**Postal Address:**

Four Courts, Inns Quay

**Town:**

Dublin

**E-Mail:**

[highcourtcentraloffice@courts.ie](mailto:highcourtcentraloffice@courts.ie)

**Internet address (URL):**

[www.courts.ie](http://www.courts.ie)

**Postal Code:**

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**Country:**

IE

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

**Official Name:**

**Postal Address:**

**Town:**

**E-Mail:**

**Internet address (URL):**

**Postal Code:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Country:**

**VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

**VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

**Official Name:**

**Postal Address:**

**Town:**

**E-Mail:**

**Internet address (URL):**

**Postal Code:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Country:**

**VI.5) Dispatch date of this Notice**

21-10-2008

**ANNEX A**

**Additional Addresses and Contact Points**

**I) Address and contact points from which further information can be obtained**

|                                                                                                    |                                     |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Official Name:</b><br>National Development Finance Agency                                       |                                     |                       |
| <b>Postal Address:</b><br>Treasury Building, Grand Canal Street                                    |                                     |                       |
| <b>Town:</b><br>Dublin 2, Ireland                                                                  | <b>Postal Code:</b>                 | <b>Country:</b><br>IE |
| <b>For the attention of:</b><br>DART Underground Interconnector Project                            | <b>Telephone:</b><br>+353 1 6640800 |                       |
| <b>E-Mail:</b><br><a href="mailto:interconnectorproject@ndfa.ie">interconnectorproject@ndfa.ie</a> | <b>Fax:</b><br>n/a                  |                       |
| <b>Internet Address (URL):</b> <a href="http://www.ndfa.ie">www.ndfa.ie</a>                        |                                     |                       |

**II) Address and contact points from which specifications and additional documentation may be obtained**

|                                                                 |                     |                       |
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| <b>Official Name:</b><br>National Development Finance Agency    |                     |                       |
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| <b>E-Mail:</b>                                                                              | <b>Fax:</b><br>n/a                  |
| <b>Internet address (URL):</b> <a href="http://www.etenders.gov.ie">www.etenders.gov.ie</a> |                                     |

III) **Address and contact points to which Tenders/Requests to Participate must be sent**

|                                                                               |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Official Name:</b><br>National Development Finance Agency                  |                                     |                       |
| <b>Postal Address:</b><br>Ground Floor, Treasury Building, Grand Canal Street |                                     |                       |
| <b>Town:</b><br>Dublin 2, Ireland                                             | <b>Postal Code:</b>                 | <b>Country:</b><br>IE |
| <b>For the attention of:</b><br>Head of Control                               | <b>Telephone:</b><br>+353 1 6640800 |                       |
| <b>E-Mail:</b>                                                                | <b>Fax:</b><br>n/a                  |                       |
| <b>Internet address (URL):</b> <a href="http://www.ndfa.ie">www.ndfa.ie</a>   |                                     |                       |

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**Further Information**

No further information has been uploaded.