



## **Request for Market Information – Teacher Education Programmes – Gaeltacht and Irish-medium Education Sectors**

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) has published a Request for Market Information for proposed teacher education programmes for the Gaeltacht and Irish-medium education sectors.

Market operators are hereby invited to provide responses addressing the market sounding objectives to identify market capabilities in relation to the proposed teacher education programmes as outlined below:

**Programme 1:**

Full-time four-year Irish-medium B.Ed. Programme at Level 8 (240 ECTS credits): Primary

**Programme 2:**

Irish-medium part-time Postgraduate Programme at Level 9 (Diploma 60 ECTS credits or M.Ed. 90 ECTS credits): Primary and post-primary

These responses will be an important source of information for the development of the tender should it proceed. The request for information can be accessed on the e-tenders website ([www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)).

All responses must be submitted to the eTenders post-box ([www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)) **no later than 12.00 noon on 25 August 2017.**

**This is a preparatory market consultation which is being conducted with a view to informing the preparation of detailed specifications and tender documentation. It is not a call for competition.**

### **Background**

The Department of Education and Skills' *Policy on Gaeltacht Education 2017–2022 (Policy)*, published in October 2016, sets out a comprehensive strategy to address the sociolinguistic challenges faced by schools located in Gaeltacht language-planning areas. The *Policy* is supportive of Irish-medium education. The *Policy* is consistent with the *Government 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 - 2030* and is one of the commitments included in the *Department of Education and Skills Action Plan for Education 2016–2019*.

**DISCLAIMER: Please note that this is a preliminary market-sounding exercise and is not a competition or invitation to tender.**