

NCTE

About

The National Centre for Technology in Education is an Irish Government agency established to provide advice, support and information on the use of information and communications technology (ICT) in Irish education.

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Need

NCTE required technical and process expertise to assist it in the procurement of ICT systems for a pilot of an integrated technology solution for second-level schools in Ireland.

Solution

To assist NCTE's procurement, Sonas Innovation provided:

- An open and transparent marking scheme for rating potential service and equipment providers, applying technical and pricing criteria such that the most economically advantageous tender could be selected
- An overview of the bids selected for review by NCTE. This assisted NCTE in selecting from initial bids for the third and final stage of the process of marking, and selecting a winner

Outcome

Nine schools are now being connected according to this integrated system. A low total cost, high capability approach to technology has been put in place. The transfer to school management, ensuring ongoing sustainability, has been ensured.