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#### Tender

# Pre-market Engagement Exercise and Questionnaire for the Strategic Partner Project, Part of the EdIS Programme of work

Education Authority NI

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

**Education Authority NI** 

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BT1 2NQ

Contact

ETS.Procurementeani.org.uk

Email

ets.procurement@eani.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

#### NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

Buyer's address

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

# I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

#### https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

Education

# Section II: Object

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

## II.1.1) Title

Pre-market Engagement Exercise and Questionnaire for the Strategic Partner Project, Part of the EdIS Programme of work

### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 72100000 - Hardware consultancy services

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

### II.1.4) Short description

This is a pre-market engagement (PME) exercise for the Strategic Partner Project, part of EA's EdIS Programme (formally ETS Programme). This is a continuation of the premarket engagement activities carried out by the Programme in 2021. EA are hosting a further PME session specifically for those suppliers interested in bidding for the Strategic Partner Project. The session will be held virtually via MS Teams. The purpose of this session is for the Authority to explain and seek supplier views and feedback on potential approaches to: (a) procuring and contracting the Strategic Partner for EdIS and (b) managing the transition from the existing systems and suppliers to new systems and suppliers to be contracted under the Programme. The Authority will issue a PME briefing document in the week prior to the PME session, which will set out a number of considerations on which the Authority is seeking the market's views as part of developing its procurement strategy and transition strategy. The Authority will explain and discuss these considerations at the PME meeting, and asks interested suppliers to provide a short written response to each of these considerations. As the PME will consider a range of technical, commercial and procurement considerations, the Authority requests that interested suppliers nominate their attendees with this in mind. There is a limit of three attendees per organisation. The PME commercial meeting (all interested suppliers) will take place on Wednesday 12th January (AM). Please confirm your attendance by return email to ETS.Procurement@eani.org.uk with the following details for the attendees from your organisation:- • name • business title • email address

## II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

## II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

# **II.2) Description**

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72200000 Software programming and consultancy services
- 72300000 Data services
- 72400000 Internet services
- 72500000 Computer-related services
- 72600000 Computer support and consultancy services
- 72700000 Computer network services
- 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKN - Northern Ireland

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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your organisation:- • name • business title • email address

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

#### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10)** Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

#### II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

# **Section IV. Procedure**

# **IV.1) Description**

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

12 January 2022

Local time

3:00pm

#### IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

#### IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 12 April 2022

# Section VI. Complementary information

# VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

# VI.4) Procedures for review

## VI.4.1) Review body

UK has no such review body

UK has no such review body

Country

United Kingdom