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## **Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units**

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042c86

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[cater.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:cater.procure@eani.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units

Reference number

CAT-21-001-001

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 39310000 - Catering equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The award of a framework agreement by Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) without prior publication

of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union, in respect of the provision of Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units for EANI CAT-21-001-001 as further described in OJEU Contract Notice.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £105,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 39310000 - Catering equipment

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Supply of Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The original call off contract was for the period 17 October up to 31 July 2024 with an option to extend for one year up to 31 July 2025. The original call off contract was for a maximum value of £210,874.00 this modification is to increase the value of this contract by a maximum of 50% £105,000.

Further additional services, which were not included in the original procurement, have become necessary and are permitted by Regulation 72(1)(c) of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Namely, the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(i) The need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen. Namely, unprecedented staff shortages in the catering industry and industrial action by staff has meant that Catering Service have had to supplement their service provision by having more ready to eat hot Grab and Go items – the presentation and display of these requires heated display units. This has resulted in increased spend on such items unforeseeable by EANI. Accordingly, a modification of value is required in order to amend the contract to allow the purchase of additional display units.

(ii) The modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract. Other than the value of the call off contract being increased the nature of the call off contract is not being amended; and

(iii) Any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement. The upper estimate of the original contract was £210,874.00 this modification is for £105,000 which is less than 50% of the original maximum value of £210,874.00. This does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

11 January 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Stephens Catering Equipment Co Ltd

Ballymena

BT42 4NY

Email

[pcaves@stephens-catering.com](mailto:pcaves@stephens-catering.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.stephenscateringequipment.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £105,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £105,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom