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Planning

## **PIN - Catering Service for NIFRS Learning and Development Centre**

Procurement and Logistics Service  
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Procurement and Logistics Service

77 Boucher Crescent

Belfast

BT12 6HU

#### **Email**

[BoucherNIFRS@hscni.net](mailto:BoucherNIFRS@hscni.net)

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

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

1 Seymour Street

Lisburn

**Email**

[NIFRSProcurement@nifrs.org](mailto:NIFRSProcurement@nifrs.org)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

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

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

PIN - Catering Service for NIFRS Learning and Development Centre

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

- 55520000 - Catering services

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

Services

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

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) require the provision of a catering service at 'Learning and Development Centre, 120 Dungannon Road, Cookstown, BT80 9BD. The site is due to open fully in Q3 2024.

NIFRS currently use a Term Service Contract that covers lunch provision for personnel attending training courses and in 2019 opened a new tactical firefighting training facility outside Cookstown. This is the initial phase of the full relocation of NIFRS' Learning & Development Centre from Boucher Crescent, Belfast and satellite training facilities elsewhere. Catering facilities in this initial phase are restricted to the provision of microwave meals.

NIFRS objective is to get an understanding from the market what would be the best solution to provide a Catering Service to LDC Cookstown for the launch of the full training facility.

The Pre Market Engagement document provides details of the Catering Specification to enable suppliers to state a preferred option to provide the required catering facilities.

Any information gathered through this market consultation exercise may inform internal

business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) require the provision of an on-site catering service at 'Learning and Development Centre, 120 Dungannon Road, Cookstown, BT80 9BD. The site is due to open in Q3 2024.

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 January 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please send an email to [bouchernifrs@hscni.net](mailto:bouchernifrs@hscni.net) to request a copy of the pre-market engagement document. Should you wish to participate in this exercise you must complete the questionnaire in this document. This must be completed and returned via email no later than 3pm on 27th February 2023.