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Contract

## **CAT-24-001 Equipment for food holding, preparation and transport for the Education Authority**

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-001265

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047dcf

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

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

the Education Authority

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#### **Country**

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

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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**

CAT-24-001 Equipment for food holding, preparation and transport for the Education Authority

Reference number

CAT-24-001

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

- 42210000 - Food, beverage and tobacco-processing machinery

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

Supplies

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

The Client intends to establish a Framework Agreement for the supply and delivery of equipment for food holding, preparation and transport. The Framework is divided into three Lots as follows: • Lot 1 Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units • Lot 2 Food Preparation Equipment • Lot 3 Food Transport Equipment A maximum of three Contractors will be awarded a place on each Lot. EA

reserves the right to add additional products to the list provided for each Lot as required over the lifetime of the Framework.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,450,000

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units

Lot No

1

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

- 42215000 - Machinery for the industrial preparation or manufacture of food or drink
- 42215100 - Food-cutting machines
- 42215200 - Food-processing machinery
- 39711211 - Food mixers
- 39711210 - Food blenders
- 39711200 - Food processors
- 39711000 - Electrical domestic appliances for use with foodstuffs
- 39710000 - Electrical domestic appliances
- 39700000 - Domestic appliances
- 39310000 - Catering equipment
- 39312100 - Meat slicers
- 39312200 - Canteen equipment

- 39312000 - Food-preparation equipment
- 39000000 - Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 80

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will be valid for an initial period of 2 years from the Commencement Date with two further options of 12-month extension periods.

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

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Client cannot guarantee any particular level of business within the Contract. Any information on previous volumes or value of business are for guidance only and no guarantee is given as to the exact value under this Contract. Any levels, or aggregate

values of goods,. referred to are indicative only and shall not be binding on the Client. The EA reserves the right to move value between the Lots as required, however, the overarching value of the Framework Agreement will not exceed £5,450,000.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 Food Preparation Equipment

Lot No

2

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

- 42215000 - Machinery for the industrial preparation or manufacture of food or drink
- 42215100 - Food-cutting machines
- 42215200 - Food-processing machinery
- 39711211 - Food mixers
- 39711210 - Food blenders
- 39711200 - Food processors
- 39711000 - Electrical domestic appliances for use with foodstuffs
- 39710000 - Electrical domestic appliances
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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 80

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

## Lot 3 Food Transport Equipment

Lot No

3

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

- 42215000 - Machinery for the industrial preparation or manufacture of food or drink
- 42215100 - Food-cutting machines
- 42215200 - Food-processing machinery
- 39711211 - Food mixers
- 39711210 - Food blenders
- 39711200 - Food processors
- 39711000 - Electrical domestic appliances for use with foodstuffs
- 39710000 - Electrical domestic appliances
- 39700000 - Domestic appliances
- 39310000 - Catering equipment
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- 39312200 - Canteen equipment
- 39312000 - Food-preparation equipment
- 39000000 - Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products

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Equipment A maximum of three Contractors will be awarded a place on each Lot. EA reserves the right to add additional products to the list provided for each Lot as required over the lifetime of the Framework.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 80

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-021884](#)

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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 Bain Maries, Hot Cupboards, Merchandiser Display Units and Modular Counter Units

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 December 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

STEPHENS CATERING EQUIPMENT CO LTD

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

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

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 Food Preparation Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 December 2024

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £450,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £450,000

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

### **Contract No**

3

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Lot 3 Food Transport Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 December 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This framework is let by the Northern Ireland Education Authority (“EA”) and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows. and at some point during the life of the Framework these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point,. with the permission of EA. This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating. institutions may already have in place.. . <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>. Primary and Post Primary schools. under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and,. Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery School for NI (both controlled and Catholic Maintained), school meals kitchens on-site at all of. these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres. . . <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges>. Further Education. Colleges in NI <https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/>. Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI. . <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/>. Independent School in NI. . Libraries NI: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>. . EA Teachers’ and Educational. Centres. Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI (CCEA) . Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. Middletown Centre. for Autism. Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC). Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE). Tenderers should. ensure they read and understand the. documentation. found in the CFT documents area of eTendersNI. . As a Public Sector. Procurement. organisation, EA must adhere to the Procurement. Policy Notes,. <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/procurement-policy-notes-ppns..> ..

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

As above

Country

United Kingdom