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Planning

## **Pre-Market Engagement for Special Educational Needs Pre-School Provision for children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties**

the Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d452

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

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:educationresource.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.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**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Pre-Market Engagement for Special Educational Needs Pre-School Provision for children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties

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

- 80340000 - Special education services

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

Services

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

**\*\*This is not a tender exercise by the Education Authority\*\*** Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a contract for the provision of Special Educational Needs Pre-School Provision for children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties. EANI wishes to engage with the market at this stage to explain, and seek supplier views and feedback on, potential approaches for the procurement of Special Educational Needs Pre-School Provision for children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties that will be beneficial in the tendering process. Suppliers who wish to participate in the market engagement exercise should complete the pre-market engagement questionnaire. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CfT Documents. The questionnaire must be completed and submitted no later than 3pm on Friday 31 January 2025. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire. Any information gathered will NOT be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise. Participation or non-participation in this pre-procurement market engagement shall not prevent any supplier/provider participating in a potential procurement process nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier/provider at an advantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and there is no commitment, at this stage, to carrying out such a process.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The purpose of this PIN is to engage with the market at this stage to explain, and seek supplier views and feedback on, potential approaches for the procurement of Special Educational Needs Pre-School Provision for children with Complex Needs and Severe Learning Difficulties which will be beneficial in the tendering process.

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

The date relating to the publication of the contract notice is tentative and may be subject to change. All future tender documentation will be made available <https://etendersni.gov.uk> and potential tenderers should register on this website to ensure they have access to the tender documentation when the tender is published.

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

2 March 2025

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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