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Tender

Outdoor Furniture made from Recycled Plastic

the Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

FAE-25-005

Description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of outdoor furniture made from recycled plastic to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years.

This framework agreement 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 agreement these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA.

This framework agreement is not intended to replace any current contracts/framework 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)

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £990,000 excluding VAT
- £1,188,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 May 2026 to 9 May 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 39142000 - Garden furniture
- 39150000 - Miscellaneous furniture and equipment
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39224340 - Bins
- 34928480 - Waste and rubbish containers and bins

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Lot 1. Outdoor Benches

Description

Lot 1 is for the supply and delivery of outdoor benches made from recycled plastic

Lot value (estimated)

- £295,000 excluding VAT
- £354,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 2. Outdoor Picnic Tables

Description

Lot 2 is for the supply and delivery of outdoor picnic tables made from recycled plastic.

Lot value (estimated)

- £455,000 excluding VAT
- £546,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Outdoor Planters

Description

Lot 3 is for the supply and delivery of outdoor planters made from recycled plastic.

Lot value (estimated)

- £115,000 excluding VAT
- £138,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Outdoor Sandpits

Description

Lot 4 is for the supply and delivery of outdoor sandpits made from recycled plastic.

Lot value (estimated)

- £35,000 excluding VAT
- £42,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Outdoor Litterbins

Description

Lot 5 is for the supply and delivery of outdoor litter bins made from recycled plastic.

Lot value (estimated)

- £90,000 excluding VAT
- £108,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

15

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

It is envisaged that this is a ranked, non-exclusive Framework Agreement with a

maximum of three Suppliers being appointed to each Lot.

The Buyer may purchase items from the Framework Agreement via direct call-off or via a mini-competition.

All items awarded under the Framework across all Lots will be available for the Buyer to order directly on the iProcurement shop. The requirements of the individual Buyer will differ on a case by case basis, and therefore, the Buyer has the right to select items from the Framework (appointed on the basis of the criteria set out in the original Call for Tender), either via the Core List or Non-Core List, from a Supplier on the respective Framework Agreement Lot based on their operational and technical requirements, considering some or all of the following criteria:

- The best combination of price and compatibility with existing furniture based on their individual need
- Product availability / delivery lead time
- Any other reason

The Supplier may also offer special discounted deals throughout the period of this Framework. The Supplier is expected to contact the procurement team with details of any offers available. This Framework Agreement will allow EA to avail of any such offers and these will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The Buyer reserves the right to conduct mini competitions for any additional requirements over and above those listed under this Framework Agreement but which fall within the scope of the Framework Agreement, or for any requirements over the value of £10k within a Lot, during the period of the Framework Agreement. It is envisaged that the Buyer may use this mechanism under the Framework where there exists a bulk purchase requirement. Any mini competition will be based on 100% price, however there may be a requirement for additional mandatory criteria specific to each project, for example supply / installation by a specified time / date. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no obligation on the Buyer to conduct a mini competition for requirements in excess of £10k within a Lot, however, the Buyer may do this should they envisage a mini competition could deliver better value for money.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Outdoor Benches

Lot 2. Outdoor Picnic Tables

Conditions of Participation - Technical ability to perform the contract - Previous Experience.

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Outdoor Benches

Lot 2. Outdoor Picnic Tables

Lot 3. Outdoor Planters

Lot 4. Outdoor Sandpits

Lot 5. Outdoor Litterbins

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

3 February 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 February 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 10 December 2029

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quantitive Award Criteria	Price	100%

Other information

Payment terms

The Supplier must ensure that the Buyer has issued a Purchase order number in advance of any goods being delivered.

Payments will only be made on receipt of an invoice quoting the relevant purchase order number.

The Supplier must ensure that purchase orders received are accurate in that they state the correct contract prices, or return for correction prior to the order being fulfilled, as discrepancies could result in delays to invoice payments where purchase orders and invoices do not match.

Invoices must be in pounds Sterling (GBP).

Suppliers must submit invoices directly to the address as specified on the order.

Supplier must submit a group statement for outstanding invoices on a monthly basis. The supplier may liaise with EA Accounts Payable to identify the information required on the statement.

The Supplier must replace or make good at their own expense any items that are or become defective as a result of poor design, materials or service.

Payment shall be made through the Bankers Automated Clearing System. The Supplier will be required to provide bank account details to the Buyer to facilitate this method of payment.

The Buyer reserves the right to withhold payment against any invoice which is not submitted in accordance with the Framework, or which covers or purports to relate to goods which have not been provided in accordance with the Contract and shall forthwith notify the supplier accordingly in writing.

During the Term the Buyer reserves the right to review ordering and/or invoicing procedures with the Supplier.

For an invoice to be considered valid it must be legible, from which a clear scanned image can be produced, and clearly show the following information:

- Purchase Order number (only one purchase order per invoice)
- Invoice number
- Invoice date / tax point
- Supplier name, address, postcode and VAT registration number
- Remittance name and address where this is different to above
- Goods details which match the PO details, including quantity billed, item description, unit of measure, unit price and total value (only goods delivered should be on an invoice)

All invoices must be made payable to the Supplier and not to any nominated subcontractor(s).

Description of risks to contract performance

The estimated Framework value includes a contingency for expenditure attributed for potential Capital Projects and ad hoc school system upgrade requirements, however, the cost and number of these occurring in the next four years is currently unknown, and could be impacted by a number of unforeseen events such as breakdowns or macro events impacting market price volatility. In addition, the availability of capital funding for schools, the level of which is currently unknown over the next four years may serve to increase or reduce demand for the equipment on this Framework Agreement and could be impacted by the ability to take forward refurbishment projects or new builds. The Buyer reserves the right to increase the value of the Framework in the event additional value is required to purchase outdoor furniture made from recycled plastic as a result of these events.

The Buyer cannot guarantee any particular level of business (volumes/values) within the

Framework Agreement.

Furthermore, suppliers should note that, in accordance with Section 31 and /or Section 74 of the Procurement Act 2023, the Buyer reserves the right to modify the Framework without a new procurement process in certain circumstances. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, Suppliers should note that the true value of the Framework may differ from the values outlined for the following reasons:

- Increase/decrease in the number of schools and number of pupils.
- Increase/decrease in the demand to use the Framework
- General increases/decreases in all costs such as equipment, insurances, labour rates etc.
- Unforeseen/unplanned events (for e.g., new schools which are an amalgamation of existing schools that were previously identified by EA as being eligible to utilise this Contract).
- Increase/decrease in EA funding.
- Legislative changes and/or advances in technology that impact the requirements or the items on this Contract.
- Environmental considerations and/or changes in EA environmental policy that impact the requirements for this type of Goods.

The EA reserves the right to move value between the Lots as required, however, the overarching value will not exceed £990,000 (ex VAT) or £1,188,000 (inc. VAT). EA do reserve the right to modify the contract for any of the reasons noted in the Specification Schedule, Section 18 Additional Requirements, or as noted above in this notice and so the actual value of the contract/s may be greater than noted above.

There is no guarantee that any orders will be placed in any quantity during the period of the Contract

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland