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Planning

CAT-21-004 Ambient and Chilled Groceries

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

3 Charlemont Place, The Mall

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BT61 9AX

Email

catering.procure@eani.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS 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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CAT-21-004 Ambient and Chilled Groceries

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority in Northern Ireland wishes to establish a framework for the supply

and delivery of Ambient and Chilled Groceries to School Meals Kitchens throughout Northern Ireland. The Education Authority wish to carry out pre-market engagement with interested suppliers to investigate the current market capabilities and gain knowledge about existing and future products which will assist

the tender panel with the development of the tender documentation. This will ensure existing and future requirements are met and will also provide procurement awareness for suppliers regarding EA's requirements for the purchase of these products.

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
- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The NI Education Authority wishes to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Ambient and Chilled Products to School Meals Kitchens throughout Northern Ireland.

II.2.14) Additional information

The estimated date of publication at II.3 is subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 February 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This tender is for the supply and delivery of Ambient and Chilled Groceries. No final decision has been made yet on whether this requirement will be tendered in lots. It is the intention of the Education Authority to either host pre-market engagement meetings during the week commencing 21 February 2022 via MS Teams to discuss our requirements and/or to issue a questionnaire to interested suppliers. Should you wish to participate you must email catering.procure@eani.org.uk with the subject CAT-21-004 Supplier Event no later than 12 noon on Friday, 11 February 2022. Your email should include the names of the representatives wishing to attend if a meeting is to be held, the name of your organisation and a brief summary of the products your organisation is interested in supplying. If meetings are to be held appointments will be allocated according to availability after the cut-off date. Please note that appointments are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Suppliers will be informed of the final arrangements prior to any pre-market engagement meetings. Please note the date is subject to change and we reserve the right to arrange alternative engagement meetings with suppliers if required. All future tender documentation will be made available via the <http://etendersni.gov.uk> website and potential tenderers should register on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when the tender is published. This pre-market engagement meeting is for information purposes only. Any interest shown does not constitute a commitment to participate in a procurement exercise. Failure to show interest does not restrict providers from participating in any future procurement exercise.