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## **FAE-22-007 SPECIALIST FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

Education Authority NI

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-004889

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0373d2

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

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

Education Authority NI

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

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

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<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

FAE-22-007 SPECIALIST FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33192300 - Medical furniture except beds and tables

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of SPECIALIST FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years. This Framework Agreement will contain 4 lots as follows: Lot 1 – Specialist Equipment , Lot 2 – Specialist Furniture , Lot 3 – Sensory Equipment and Lot 4 – Audiology/ Communication Sound Systems. 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)

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £16,400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
4

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 1 - Specialist Equipment

Lot No

1

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

- 33196000 - Medical aids
- 39121100 - Desks
- 42416300 - Hoists
- 33693000 - Other therapeutic products
- 33185000 - Hearing aids
- 37500000 - Games and toys; fairground amusements
- 39541220 - Slings
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39151000 - Miscellaneous furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

### **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**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,920,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **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 Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of SPECIALIST FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years. This Framework Agreement will contain 4 lots as follows: Lot 1 – Specialist Equipment , Lot 2 – Specialist Furniture , Lot 3 – Sensory Equipment and Lot 4 – Audiology/ Communication Sound Systems. 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)

## **II.2) Description**

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

## Lot 2 - Specialist Furniture

Lot No

2

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

- 33196000 - Medical aids
- 39121100 - Desks
- 42416300 - Hoists
- 33693000 - Other therapeutic products
- 33185000 - Hearing aids
- 37500000 - Games and toys; fairground amusements
- 39541220 - Slings
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39151000 - Miscellaneous furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

### **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**

Price

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,920,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **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

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## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Sensory Equipment

Lot No

3

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

- 33196000 - Medical aids
- 39121100 - Desks
- 42416300 - Hoists

- 33693000 - Other therapeutic products
- 33185000 - Hearing aids
- 37500000 - Games and toys; fairground amusements
- 39541220 - Slings
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39151000 - Miscellaneous furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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Observatory and Planetarium, Middletown Centre for Autism, Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC), Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)

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

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,920,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **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**

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## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Audiology / Communication Sound Systems

Lot No

4

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

- 33196000 - Medical aids
- 39121100 - Desks
- 42416300 - Hoists
- 33693000 - Other therapeutic products
- 33185000 - Hearing aids
- 37500000 - Games and toys; fairground amusements
- 39541220 - Slings
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39151000 - Miscellaneous furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture

- 39160000 - School furniture
- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

### **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**

Price

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,640,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

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

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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

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 20

#### **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: [2022/S 000-028224](#)

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

20 March 2023

Local time

3:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 18 June 2023

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 March 2023

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom