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Tender

## **Kepier - Extension**

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## **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Bug in portal prevented justification for not carrying out preliminary market engagement from displaying, now fixed. Also, fixed issue with file upload not showing on notice.

## **Scope**

## **Description**

Kepier is seeking Requests to Participate for an extension construction works project.

The works includes a 3-storey extension to the main building, single-storey extension to Dance / Drama, internal remodelling including constructing 2 mezzanine floors to create office space, and outdoor dining shelter, associated external works and drainage.

Included in the Request to Participate document are links to the full Stage 3 design packs which show requirements. Stage 4 designs will be made available to shortlisted Contractors at the Invitation to Tender stage.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £6,000,000 excluding VAT
- £7,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 29 June 2026 to 27 August 2027
- 1 year, 1 month, 29 days

### **Main procurement category**

Works

### **CPV classifications**

- 45214200 - Construction work for school buildings
- 45214220 - Secondary school construction work

### **Contract locations**

- UKC - North East (England)

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Please refer to information provided in the Request to Participate document.

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Please refer to information provided in the Request to Participate document.

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

6 February 2026, 11:59pm

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

## **Deadline for requests to participate**

16 February 2026, 12:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

Full details of how to submit are contained in the documents accompanying this Request to Participate.

Tenders are to be submitted electronically via email to [jonanderson@thorntonfirkin.com](mailto:jonanderson@thorntonfirkin.com)

Link to associated documents: <https://sites.google.com/kepier.com/kepierextension>

Please review the above link for clarifications which will be published in due course.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Suppliers to be invited to tender**

Maximum 5 suppliers

Selection criteria:

Please refer to Request to Participate document for criteria.

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

19 May 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Construction Works Price	Price	70%
Quality	Quality	30%

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## Other information

### Payment terms

JCT Contract will be amended to include 28-day payment terms.

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

### Competitive flexible procedure description

The first stage in the procurement process is to shortlist those who submit a completed Request to Participate (RTP). You are invited to complete this RTP and to submit it, together with any requested supporting information, in accordance with the procedures set out below.

The FIVE highest scoring submissions will be shortlisted for Stage 2, Invitation to Tender (ITT). The marking of scored parts will only be undertaken where submissions have passed all pass / fail elements.

The criteria for the RTP stage will be:

90% Quality

10% Social Value

Full details of the weightings and evaluation criteria are contained within the documents accompanying this tender.

Following shortlisting, it is anticipated (although subject to change ahead of the ITT being issued) that the ITT stage will be awarded based on the following criteria:

70% Price

30% Quality (based on interviews during the tender process and qualitative assessment within the tender submission - it is anticipated that interviews for shortlisted contractors will take place on Wednesday 1st April 2026)

### **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

The Contracting Authority has decided not to undertake preliminary market engagement due to the compressed programme associated with delivering the works in time for completion by September 2027. Conducting meaningful engagement would have introduced delays that could jeopardise the project timetable.

The requirement relates to standard construction works for which the Authority considers the market to be mature and well understood. As such, preliminary engagement was not deemed necessary to inform the specification or procurement approach. The use of a two stage procurement, including a Stage 1 Request to Participate, provides an appropriate and proportionate opportunity for all interested suppliers to compete and to raise any clarifications during the early stages of the process.

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

[Stage 1 Tender.pdf](#)

Request to Participate document / information pack.

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## Contracting authority

### EDEN LEARNING TRUST

- Companies House: 10980753
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGWD-6752-ZBJL

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Region: UKC14 - Durham CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### **THORNTON-FIRKIN LLP**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Project Management, Contract Administration, Quantity Surveying Services

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPWM-3431-MQPW

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## **Contact organisation**

Contact THORNTON-FIRKIN LLP for any enquiries.