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Tender

EDR-24-008 DIGITAL LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIES NI

the Education Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0496e6

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

28 May 2025, 3:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

Contact

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Email

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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EDR-24-008 DIGITAL LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIES NI

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22213000 - Magazines

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (the Authority) on behalf of Libraries NI (the Client) invites Tenders for A Digital Lending Platform to include downloadable eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines and eNewspapers ie the Digital Library Offer for a period of 24 months with the option to extend for period(s) of up to and including 24 months.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines
- 22210000 - Newspapers
- 79980000 - Subscription services
- 92511000 - Library services
- 79995000 - Library management services
- 48161000 - Library management system

- 72500000 - Computer-related services

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

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Digital Library Offer / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: AC2 Total Overall Cost / Weighting: 50

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

OPTION TO EXTEND FOR PERIOD(S) OF UP TO AND INCLUDING 24 MONTHS

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

Tenderers should ensure they read and understand the documentation found in the CFT documents area of eTendersNI. . As a Public Sector Procurement organisation, EA must adhere to the Procurement Policy Notes, <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/procurement-policy-notes-ppns>. . This tender includes requirements relating to Human Rights, Modern Slavery, Supply Chain Resilience and Social Value and all tenders must meet the requirements detailed in the tender documentation to be compliant. . EA reserves the right to: . 1. Not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice.. 2. To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition.. To award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice..

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTendersNI.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTendersNI.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTendersNI.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTendersNI.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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: [2024/S 000-027798](#)

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

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25 March 2025

Local time

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Date

28 May 2025

Local time

3:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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: 23 June 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 March 2025

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom