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## **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**

educationresource.procureeani.org.uk

#### **Email**

[educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto: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

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## **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..

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## **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.

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## **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**

Originally published as:

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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

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## **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