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Planning

EA Strategic Partner Services and Schools Management System Solution

Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority

40 Academy Street

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Email

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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

EA Strategic Partner Services and Schools Management System Solution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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services for schools. These services will improve the learning experience of our young people, supporting teaching through technology, develop skills for the future and support the EA and its educational stakeholders to improve educational outcomes.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £406,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 March 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