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Tender

EDR-25-002 Musical Instruments for EA Schools and Music Centres

the Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

EDR-25-002

Description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of Musical Instruments to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years. 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 utilize 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 Centre's. <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 Centre's, 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), Pre-Schools and Nurseries included within the EA's Pre-School Education Programme (PSEP)

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 37000000 - Musical instruments, sport goods, games, toys, handicraft, art materials and accessories
- 37300000 - Musical instruments and parts
- 37310000 - Musical instruments
- 37311300 - Musical organs
- 37314300 - Musical cornets and flutes
- 37316000 - Percussion instruments
- 37321000 - Accessories of musical instruments
- 37320000 - Parts and accessories of musical instruments
- 37321600 - Musical instrument pouches or cases or accessories
- 37321700 - Musical instrument stands or sheet holders
- 37322000 - Parts of musical instruments

Lot 1. Wind Instruments

Description

The scope of requirements for this Lot includes the following:

- Flute, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Oboe, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Bassoon, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Clarinet, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges

- Saxophone, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Folk wind instruments e.g. Fife and Tin Whistle
- Plastic wind instrument e.g. pBone, Nuvo TooT
- Classroom wind instruments e.g. Recorder, Ocarina

The value detailed in this lot is estimated. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume or value of products required under this lot. The EA reserves the right to reallocate any values between all lots under this Framework where required throughout the Framework Agreement Period, within the limit of the overall awarded Framework Value.

Lot value (estimated)

- £230,769.23 excluding VAT
- £276,923.08 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 2. Harps

Description

The scope of requirements for this Lot includes the following:

- Concert Harps
- Pedal Harps

- Lever Harps
- Folk Harps

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Lot 3A. Orchestral String Instruments

Description

The scope of requirements for this Lot includes the following:

- Orchestral String Instruments e.g Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges in all sizes
- Classical Guitars
- Classroom String Instruments, e.g Ukulele

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Lot 3B. Rock and Pop String Instruments

Description

The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Guitars; Electrical, Bass, Acoustic beginner, intermediate and advance ranges in all sizes

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Lot 4. Brass Instruments

Description

The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Orchestral brass instruments e.g. Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Band brass instruments e.g. Cornet, Tenor Horn, Euphonium, Baritone Horn, Eb Tuba, beginner, intermediate and advance ranges.

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Lot 5A. Acoustic Pianos

Description

The scope of requirements for this Lot includes the following:

- Acoustic Pianos e.g. Upright, Grand, Concert Grand and Silent including beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Piano covers and stools

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Lot 5B. Digital Pianos

Description

The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Digital Pianos e.g. Clavinova type and stage piano including beginner, intermediate and advance ranges
- Keyboards stands and accessories e.g. cases, headphones and power supplies
- Portable Keyboards with and without speakers

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Lot 6. Percussion Instruments

Description

The scope of requirements for this Lot includes the following:

- Orchestral and school percussion e.g. Timpani, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Marimba, Snare & Bass drums, Chimes, Cymbals
- Drum Kits acoustic, electrical and desk type
- Classroom Percussion e.g. Metallophone, Percussion Packs
- Ethnic Percussion e.g. Djembe, Samba, Indian

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Lot 7. Audio Equipment and Music Technology

Description

The scope of requirements for this Lot includes the following:

- DJ Equipment and Accessories
- Digital recording equipment
- Music Software
- SEN Music Equipment
- Headphones
- Amplifier
- PA System (portable)
- Microphones
- Mixers
- Speakers
- Cables and power supplies for audio equipment

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Lot 8A. Woodwind Accessories

Description

The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Cases and accessories for wind instruments e.g. mouthpieces, reeds and music stands
- Replacement parts and repair tools for wind instruments

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Lot 8B. Brass Accessories

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The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Cases and accessories e.g. mouthpieces, valve oil, mutes and music stands
- Replacement parts and repair tools for brass instruments

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Lot 8C. String Accessories

Description

The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Guitar String and Capos
- Cases and accessories for string instruments e.g strings, bows and music stands
- Replacement parts and repair tools for string instruments

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Lot 8D. Percussion Accessories

Description

The scope of requirements for this lot includes the following:

- Percussion accessories e.g. sticks, beaters, cases, drum heads
- Replacement parts for percussion instruments

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The end user will make call-offs based on objective criteria such as:

- Compatibility with existing instruments or curriculum requirements
- Continuity of requirements, ensuring consistency across teaching and assessment
- Product characteristics, reflecting the diverse needs of schools and pupils
- Assessment availability, where specific instruments are required for examinations
- Delivery lead time, ensuring timely supply to avoid disruption to teaching
- Price, to secure best value for money

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Wind Instruments

Lot 2. Harps

Lot 3A. Orchestral String Instruments

Lot 3B. Rock and Pop String Instruments

Lot 4. Brass Instruments

Lot 5A. Acoustic Pianos

Lot 5B. Digital Pianos

Lot 6. Percussion Instruments

Lot 7. Audio Equipment and Music Technology

Lot 8A. Woodwind Accessories

Lot 8B. Brass Accessories

Lot 8C. String Accessories

Lot 8D. Percussion Accessories

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 February 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

28 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

20 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type
AC1 Adherence to Specification of Requirements	Quality
AC2 Completion of 06 Technical Response	Quality
AC3 Cost	Price

Weighting description

Quality Pass/fail

Price 100%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland