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Award

## **ID 5998126 - DE - Independent evaluation of the RAISE programme**

Department for Education

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ID 5998126

### **Description**

The Department of Education (the Buyer) requires a Supplier to undertake an independent evaluation of the RAISE programme. The Supplier must provide ongoing evidence and assessment to assist the Programme Board and Locality Reference Groups in refining the programme throughout its delivery/the delivery of their Strategic Area Plans.

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### **Supplier**

- [National Children's Bureau](#)

### **Contract value**

- £399,160 excluding VAT
- £478,992 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

11 February 2026

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

11 February 2026

### **Standstill period**

- End: 24 February 2026
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

27 February 2026

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

- 1 March 2026 to 2 March 2028
- Possible extension to 2 March 2030
- 4 years, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for a further two periods of up to one year each

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

### **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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## Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
  - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

### National Children's Bureau

- Companies House: 00952717

The NICVA Building, 61 Duncairn Gardens

Belfast

BT15 2GB

United Kingdom

Email: [businesshub@ncb.org.uk](mailto:businesshub@ncb.org.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department for Education**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTYH-9512-JWZZ

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Region: UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

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

### Construction and Procurement Delivery

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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## Contact organisation

Contact [Construction and Procurement Delivery](#) for any enquiries.