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Planning

## **Pre Market Engagement Questionnaire for Bottle Fed Water Coolers for the Education Authority**

the Education Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

\*\*\*This is not a tender exercise by the Education Authority\*\*\* The Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) wishes to engage with the market to seek their views on establishing a robust, value for money contract for the provision of Bottle Fed Water Coolers. Any information gathered through this market consultation exercise will inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Please note that participation or non-participation in this preliminary market consultation exercise shall not prevent any supplier from participating in any potential procurement process, nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier at an advantage or disadvantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase of the project and is not part of a formal procurement process. Suppliers who wish to participate in the market engagement exercise should complete the pre-market engagement questionnaire. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CfT documents. The Questionnaire must be completed and PME Document signed and returned via the Messaging function of eTendersNI by no later than 3pm on Wednesday 16th April

2025 (deadline) in accordance with the instructions detailed in the PME Questionnaire" document. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire.

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

- 3 July 2025 to 2 July 2029
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 15981100 - Still mineral water
- 41110000 - Drinking water
- 31141000 - Water coolers
- 15981000 - Mineral water

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

16 April 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Interested participants should complete the questionnaire and upload by 3pm on 16 April 2025. Completed questionnaires must be returned via the eTendersNI Messaging function as an attachment or via email to [catering.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:catering.procure@eani.org.uk).

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Contracting authority**

### **the Education Authority**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland