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Contract

## **FAE- 22 -019 Heavy Duty Technology Equipment including CNC Machines, Circular Saws and Laser Cutting Machines**

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-013866

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040a83

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

the Education Authority

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#### **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.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

FAE- 22 -019 Heavy Duty Technology Equipment including CNC Machines, Circular Saws and Laser Cutting Machines

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of Heavy Duty Technology Equipment including CNC Machines, Circular Saws and Laser Cutting Machines to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years. This Framework Agreement will contain 2 lots as follows: Lot 1 – Heavy Duty Technology Equipment (6 Sections) and Lot 2 – CNC Machines and Laser Cutting Machines ( 9 Sections). 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 utilise 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 Centres. <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/northernireland/> Independent School in NI, Libraries NI: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>, EA Teachers’ and Educational Centres, 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)

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £3,275,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 – Heavy Duty Technology Equipment

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42610000 - Machine tools operated by laser and machining centres
- 42620000 - Lathes, boring and milling machine tools
- 42630000 - Metal-working machine tools
- 42631000 - Machine tools for finishing metals
- 42633000 - Bending, folding, straightening or flattening machines
- 42637000 - Machine tools for drilling, boring or milling metal

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

### 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

This Framework Agreement has been established on behalf of EA, 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 Centres: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus> Further Education Colleges in NI: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges> Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI: <https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/> Independent School in NI: <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/LibrariesNI>: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/EA> Teachers' and Educational Centers 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 who may also use

this Framework. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume, or value of products required under this Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 – CNC Machines and Laser Cutting Machines

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42610000 - Machine tools operated by laser and machining centres
- 42620000 - Lathes, boring and milling machine tools
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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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 000-001913](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 – Heavy Duty Technology Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 April 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

CAMPBELL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS LTD

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,637,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,637,500

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 – CNC Machines and Laser Cutting Machines

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 April 2024

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. 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. The EA operated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.