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Planning

## **Grab and Go Lunch Items**

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

Education Authority NI

3 Charlemont Place, The Mall

Armagh

BT61 9AX

#### **Email**

[catering.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:catering.procure@eani.org.uk)

#### **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.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

### **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**

Grab and Go Lunch Items

Reference number

CAT-23-003

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 15811511 - Prepared sandwiches

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Education Authority seeks to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Grab and Go Lunch and Hospitality Items, for example, sandwiches, wraps, baguettes, toasties, paninis, croissants, salad bowls, pasta bowls etc. to resell in school meals kitchens, staff canteens and other locations located throughout Northern Ireland. It is anticipated that a tender for this framework will be issued in June/July 2023. As part of the preparation activities, the Education Authority are holding a pre-market engagement event intended to investigate and understand supply market capabilities to inform the development of specifications and tender documentation.

The event will be in person and is open to all interested suppliers.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 15811511 - Prepared sandwiches
- 15894200 - Prepared meals

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

No final decision has been made yet on the composition of this framework and it is the intention of the Education Authority to hold a pre-market engagement event (in person) on Friday 9 June 2023 to discuss our requirements further and gain feedback from the suppliers who attend. Sessions will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. A questionnaire will also be issued to all interested suppliers in advance of the event. The questionnaire should be returned by 12pm on Thursday 8 June 2023 and will help suppliers identify any areas they wish to discuss. Suppliers are free to return a questionnaire without attending the event.

Should you wish to participate you must email [catering.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:catering.procure@eani.org.uk) with the subject 'CAT-23-003 Grab & Go Lunch Items Pre-Market Engagement Event', no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 7 June 2023. Your email should include the names of the representatives wishing to attend, the name of your organisation and a summary of the

products your organisation is interested in supplying. Please note that the EA will require suppliers attending to bring sample packaging for their products.

Future tender documentation will be made available via the <http://etendersni.gov.uk> website and interested suppliers should register, if not already registered, on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when any invitation to tenders are published.

This pre-market engagement event is for information purposes only. Any interest shown does not constitute a commitment to participate in a procurement exercise. Failure to show interest does not restrict suppliers from participating in any future procurement exercise.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

#### **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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

6 July 2023

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### **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Armagh

Country

United Kingdom