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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d042

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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

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

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 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

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

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