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Tender

## **\*\*\*Pre-Market Engagement\*\*\* BSP-24-017 Review of EA Catering Service Delivery Model**

the Education Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

BSP-24-017

### **Description**

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alternative catering model which will produce meals, package, deliver and serve in the school sectors detailed.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 29 August 2025 to 29 August 2025
- 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

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## **Participation**

## **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

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## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

12 May 2025, 3:00pm

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

12 May 2025, 11:59pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

PME responses to be submitted via the secure messaging function in eTendersNI for this CfT <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do>

## Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

30 June 2025

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
***This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise***	***This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise***	Quality

## Weighting description

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## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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**Procedure****Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

**Competitive flexible procedure description**

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**Contracting authority**

## **the Education Authority**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland