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Planning

## **\*Pre-Market Engagement\* for TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals DPS**

the Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046e73

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

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[transport.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:transport.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

**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

\*Pre-Market Engagement\* for TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals DPS

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority wishes to establish a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the procurement of services for the Transport of School Meals for EA Catering Services. The administering EA office for this tender will be the Armagh office.

The Transport of School Meals services required includes the delivery of freshly cooked school meals from Production Kitchens to Serving Centres. These meals are cooked and sealed in Reiber Boxes or other food appropriate containers (held in standard crates), these meals are collected by the service provider in the sealed containers and transported to a Serving Centre. The Transport service also includes a return trip from the Serving Centre to a Production Kitchen to return items and food waste, again in sealed containers. At no point are operators required to directly handle food or food products.

The DPS will operate until 30th June 2028 and all EA requirements for Delivery of School Meals services will be tendered through the system until that date.

Contractors admitted to the DPS will remain on the DPS until the 30th June 2028. Admittance to the DPS does not guarantee the Award of any Individual Runs (Specific Contracts). Admittance to the DPS allows for participation in any Tenders for Individual Runs (Specific Contracts) within the relevant Lot.

The Education Authority intends on hosting information sessions for prospective suppliers, and any interested parties should respond to this notice or email [transport.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:transport.procure@eani.org.uk) to be kept updated on the events. Information sessions are scheduled in the locations listed below;

Armagh - Tuesday 11th June

Belfast - Tuesday 11th June

Derry - Friday 14th June

Ballymena - Tuesday 18th June

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £14,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 11

## **II.2) Description**

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

Antrim and Newtownabbey

Lot No

1

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Ards and North Down

Lot No

2

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Lot No

3

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Belfast

Lot No

4

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Causeway Coast and Glens

Lot No

5

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

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Lot No

Derry City and Strabane

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Fermanagh and Omagh

Lot No

7

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Lisburn and Castlereagh

Lot No

8

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Mid and East Antrim

Lot No

9

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Mid Ulster

Lot No

10

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Newry, Mourne and Down

Lot No

11

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals

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

21 June 2024

## **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