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## **CAT-21-002 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02d1c9

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

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

Education Authority

3 Charlemont Place, The Mall

Armagh

BT61 9AX

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS 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**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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**

CAT-21-002 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products

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

Supplies

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

The Education Authority wishes to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for delivery to School Meals Kitchens throughout Northern Ireland. EA wish to carry out pre-market engagement with interested suppliers to investigate the current market capabilities and gain knowledge about existing and future products which will assist the tender panel with the development of the tender documentation. This will ensure existing and future requirements are met and will also provide procurement awareness for suppliers regarding EA's requirements for the purchase of these products.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Education Authority wishes to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for delivery to School Meals Kitchens throughout Northern Ireland.

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

Duration in months

12

### **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**

The estimated date of publication at II.3 is subject to change.

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

26 January 2022

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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.3) Additional information**

This tender is for the supply and delivery of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. No final decision has been made yet on whether this requirement will be tendered in lots. It is the intention of the Education Authority to either host pre-market engagement meetings on 22/23 September 2021 via MS Teams or Zoom to discuss our requirements and/or to issue a questionnaire to interested suppliers. Should you wish to participate you must email [catering.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:catering.procure@eani.org.uk) with the subject CAT-21-002 Supplier Event no later than 12 noon on Monday 23 August 2021. Your email should include the names of the representatives wishing to attend if a meeting is to be held, the name of your organisation and a brief summary of the products your organisation is interested in supplying. If meetings are to be held appointments will be allocated according to availability after the cut-off date. Please note that appointments are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Suppliers will be informed of the final arrangements prior to any pre-market engagement meetings. Please note the date is subject to change and we reserve the right

to arrange alternative engagement meetings with suppliers if required. All future tender documentation will be made available via the <http://etendersni.gov.uk> website and potential tenderers should register on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when the tender is published. This pre-market engagement meeting 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 providers from participating in any future procurement exercise.

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

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

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

Armagh

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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