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Tender

TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals

the Education Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047bc2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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BT1 2NQ

Email

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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £21,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots
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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service

- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,277,479

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that

Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Ards and North Down

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £749,785

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,708,860

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Belfast

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,184,491

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period

of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 - Causeway Coast and Glens

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,777,197

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 6 - Derry City and Strabane

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,341,634

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 7 - Fermanagh and Omagh

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,170,797

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 8 - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £749,114

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 9 - Mid and East Antrim

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,878,603

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 10 - Mid Ulster

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,012,692

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 11 - Newry, Mourne and Down

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55521100 - Meals-on-wheels services
- 55521200 - Meal delivery service
- 60120000 - Taxi services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

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.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,149,348

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The period of all Call Off Contracts awarded from the DPS will be from the commencement date on the Award Notification and will run up to the end of that Academic Year i.e. end of June of each academic year. The decision to extend specific Contracts for Individual Runs will be made at the discretion of the Client and in accordance with the Commercial Conditions of Contract for Services Contracts. Extension options will align with the academic Years, and each contract will be for further additional Academic Year, for a maximum of 5 additional Academic Years (Maximum contract period of 6 years i.e. initial contract period including any enacted extensions). All commencement and expiry dates will be stated within the Award or Extension Notifications.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

7 July 2028

Local time

12:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.3) Additional information

Additional Services. . The DPS will operate until and including 7th July 2028 however the contracts for runs awarded under this DPS can continue until expiry of the individual contracts and any optional extension periods enacted by the Client.. The estimated values of the DPS are based on the analysis of historical expenditure and are not to be deemed

to be a guarantee of the value of any Lot Contract(s) awarded through the DPS competition process. Nevertheless, the Client has included a value range for the Lot Contracts. Overall, for contracts awarded through the DPS, the estimated contract values are: . • Lower estimated contract value – £11,400,000 . • Upper estimated contract value – £21,000,000. Given the essential nature of the Services under the Lot Contracts (i.e. delivery of schools meal), the Client must ensure that the higher range is built into the DPS for any new contract(s) to cover unplanned, unforeseen events including:- . • Increase/decrease in the number of schools and number of pupils,. • Increase/decrease in the demand to use the DPS (e.g. by schools, including the Voluntary, Grant Maintained and Irish Medium Sectors and other Client associated establishments),. • General increases/decreases in all costs such as fuel, insurances, labour rates etc.,. • Unforeseen/unplanned events (for e.g. new schools which are an amalgamation of existing schools that were previously identified by EA as being eligible to utilise this DPS),. • Increase/decrease in EA funding,. • Staff shortages or absences that result in closures of EA Kitchens. • Changes to Government policy that impacts the EA Catering Service’s requirements in relation to this Service. • Environmental considerations and/or changes in EA environmental policy that impact the requirements for this type of service.. • Any decision to increase / decrease / remove Client’s fleet currently delivering the services.. Therefore, while the value of the DPS over its 6-year period is estimated at £11,400,000; actual spend under this DPS may exceed this estimated value. In such circumstances the identification of the overspend or any of the above points will be the trigger point that invokes a review clause. While the value of the DPS over its maximum 6-year period is estimated at £11,400,000, the value published in the Find a Tender Service Contract Notice is £21,000,000 to account for the above-mentioned factors. All values are exclusive of VAT. While spend on this contract may be less than the estimated value of £11,400,000 over the lifetime of the contract; spend will not exceed the maximum estimated value of £21,000,000..

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Education Authority

Belfast

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Country

United Kingdom

