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## **TRN-24-002 Transport of School Meals**

the Education Authority

F02: Contract notice

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

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

the Education Authority

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Belfast

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#### **Email**

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#### **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

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## **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  
11

### **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

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#### **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

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## **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

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## **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

