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## **CAT-10-013 Pre-Prepared Meals (Emergency Provision)**

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

Education Authority NI

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Armagh

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#### **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 electronically via

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

## **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-10-013 Pre-Prepared Meals (Emergency Provision)

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

- 15894200 - Prepared meals

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

Supplies

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

The Supply and Delivery to individual school meals kitchens of pre-prepared meals, suitable for re-heating onsite, during the period of the Framework. Orders will only be placed from this Framework in emergency situations when there is insufficient or no staff within a school meals kitchen to provide a meal for free meals pupils.

#### **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 Supply and Delivery to individual school meals kitchens of pre-prepared meals suitable for re-heating on site, as required, during the period of the Framework.

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

Duration in months

7

### **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 date at II.3 is subject to change.. A decision regarding extension options has yet to be confirmed. Any options to extend will be included in the Contract Notice and Tender publication.. A list of Framework users is as follows;. This framework is let by the Northern Ireland Education Authority (“EA”) and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows and at some point during the life of the Framework these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA. This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place.. . <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>. Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and, Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery School for NI (both controlled and Catholic Maintained), school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres. . . <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges>. Further Education Colleges in NI . . <https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/>. Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI. . <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/>. Independent School in NI. . Libraries NI: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>. . EA Teachers’ and Educational Centres. Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI (CCEA) . Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. Middletown Centre for Autism. Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC). Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)

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

28 September 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **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**

The Education Authority in Northern Ireland has a very urgent requirement for the supply of pre-prepared meals into individual school meals kitchens across Northern Ireland. This requirement is necessary due to the significant impact that COVID-19 is having on staffing resources within school meals kitchens, resulting in there being insufficient staff on occasions within locations to prepare and serve the school meal. This has the potential to affect the Authority's statutory obligation to provide a free school meal for those children who are entitled to it. In most circumstances the Authority gets little or no notice that a kitchen will be without staff due to the virus, and it is expected that over the coming months this will become a more regular issue. When awarded this framework will provide an emergency back-up provision of pre-prepared meals to fulfil the Authority's statutory obligation on a short-term basis. It is intended that the evaluation criteria will be a combination of price and quality (taste and appearance). It is intended that the Contract Notice will be published on or around 28 September 2021. Full details of the specification of requirements will be included in the tender documents.

### **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