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Planning

*****Pre-Market Engagement*** EA Catering Accredited Training**

the Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

BSP-25-009

Description

This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise The purpose of the preliminary market engagement exercise is to inform suppliers in the current market and gain information to inform a potential future procurement. This Exercise will be used to assist EA in gaining a better understanding of the market/feasibility of the requirements, the most appropriate procurement and operational approach, the capacity of the market to deliver the requirements and an opportunity for the market to highlight any possible risks or issues that may not have previously been considered. EA has a requirement for accredited Level 3 Food Safety training courses to be delivered to Catering Managers, Regional Operations Supervisors and Managers. This equates to approximately 700 staff. This level of training is commensurate with their role and responsibilities, in line with Regulation 852.2004 on the Hygiene of Foodstuffs. In line with the provisions as set out in DAO 06/22 on Direct Award Contracts section 14, EA anticipates that the required staff

will be able to attend courses which are open to the public. This Pre-Market Engagement exercise is intended to establish that there is sufficient capacity within the market to accommodate this requirement as well as to establish costs of delivery.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services

- 55520000 - Catering services
- 55524000 - School catering services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 June 2025

Engagement process description

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Responses should be submitted via the messaging function on the eTendersNI portal CfT

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 July 2025

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland