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***PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE* Online Payment Solution for The Education Authority**

Education Authority NI

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-036314

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

Email

pamela.rea@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

Additional information can be obtained from 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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

**** This is not a tender exercise by the Education Authority**. The Education Authority (EA) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a contract for an Online Payment Solution. The potential scale and scope of this is such that it offers a significant opportunity to bidders. The purpose of the pre-market consultation exercise is to gain an understanding of the latest developments and innovations in the provision of Online Payments Solutions as well as assisting EA to ensure that the most efficient and effective methods of providing Online Payments are procured. Prior to initiating the procurement, the EA wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process. At this stage, any information gathered through this market consultation exercise may inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Please note that participation or non-participation in this preliminary market consultation exercise shall not prevent any provider participating in any potential procurement process, nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any provider at an advantage or disadvantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase of the project and is not part of a formal procurement process. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CfT Documents. The questionnaire must be completed and returned via the Messaging function. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire.**

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The date relating to the publication of the contract notice is tentative and may be subject to change. All future tender documentation will be made available via <https://etendersni.gov.uk> and potential tenderers should register on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when the tender is published.