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

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-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](mailto: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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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.