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## **TRN-23-008 Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport**

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f007

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[transport.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:transport.procure@eani.org.uk)

#### **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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

TRN-23-008 Transportation of Pupils using Public Transport

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

- 600000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

Services

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

Transportation of pupils using public transport (buses and trains).

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Transportation of pupils using public transport (buses and trains).

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Education Authority requires the provision of transport services across existing Public Transport Network in Northern Ireland i.e collection of pupils from any/all Northern Ireland bus stops and train stations and drop offs at destination bus stops and train stations. Translink Group are regulated by the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 as the only service provider to provide a service of the scope and scale required. This service requirement therefore falls under Regulation 32 (2)(b). The proposed contract is permitted by Regulation 32 (2)(b) of PCR 2015. As explained herein are necessary:

Competition is absent for technical reasons and the protection of exclusive rights and no reasonable alternative is available. Public transport in Northern Ireland is regulated under Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 under power conferred by section 1(2) to enter into service agreements including the power to award service contracts in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1370/2007. The Education Authority tender for all other transport services including bus and taxi services using a Dynamic Purchasing System.

#### 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 V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

14 August 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Translink

Belfast

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[transport.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:transport.procure@eani.org.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £150,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Education Authority

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