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## **CAT-20-013 Pre-Prepared Meals**

Education Authority NI

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02de1f

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

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

Education Authority NI

e Charlemont Place, The Mall

ARMAGH

BT61 9AX

#### **Email**

[catering.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:catering.procure@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.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-20-013 Pre-Prepared Meals

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

- 15894200 - Prepared meals

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

Supplies

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

As stated in the Contract Notice (2021/S000-026548) and Contract Award Notice (2021/S000-030529) this agreement is for "the Supply and Delivery of Pre-Prepared Meals to individual school Meals kitchens throughout Northern Ireland for the period ending 30th November 2022 (with an option to extend for up to a further period of 12 months) on a call-off as required basis"

#### **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: £100,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UK - United Kingdom

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

The supply and delivery of Pre-Prepared Meals to Individual School Meals Kitchens throughout Northern Ireland for the period ending 30 November 2022 (with an option to extend for up to a further period of 12 months) on a call-off as required basis.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative - Taste and Texture of Product / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative - Appearance of the Product / Weighting: 25

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative - Total Cost / Weighting: 50

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

An option to extend for up to a further period of 12 months

### **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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The purpose of this VEAT notice is to inform and provide prior notice to the market that the Authority intends to modify its Framework Agreement (CAT-20-013) for the Supply and Delivery of Pre-Prepared Meals. Following publication of this VEAT Notice, the Authority will observe a 10 day standstill which will conclude at midnight on 15 September 2022. This

opportunity / Framework Agreement was originally advertised in a Contract Notice (2021/S 000-026548) dated 22 October 2021. A Contract Award Notice (2021/S 000-030529) was also subsequently published on 8 December 2021. The requirement has arisen to modify the value of this Framework Agreement due to an unforeseen increase in demand for pre-prepared meals during the prolonged Covid pandemic and its consequent impact on staff within the catering service. This modification will allow for the continuation of the contract whilst the Authority embarks on a new procurement exercise. The Authority intends to run a new tender process in order to replace this current Framework Agreement. It is anticipated that a replacement will commence in early 2023. The modification to the value of this Framework Agreement provides an interim solution to ensure contractual coverage for school meals kitchens until the new Framework Agreement commences. This is the first modification to this Framework Agreement. It is estimated that the total value of this modification shall be less than 50% of the original contract value. The original contract value was published as £100,000 and the proposed modification will increase the total contract value to £148,960. The modification is proposed in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (c) and will comply with each of the following conditions pertaining to this regulation as outlined below: (i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen i.e. the requirement from catering has been in excess of estimated requirements at the time of tendering and this has been due to the absence of staff due to the prolonged Covid pandemic as well as the change in the labour market causing an increased rate of staff turnover. Furthermore, the catering service is facing significant challenges in recruiting suitable staff for a number of school kitchens; it is therefore recognised that there will be a need for increased spend via this contract which could not be foreseen at the time of advertising the original contract. (ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract (the scope will remain the same); (iii) the value of the modification does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract (value of proposed modification is 50% of the original contract value). The modification to the Framework is therefore compliant with EU procurement legislation.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-030529](#)

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

### **Contract No**

CAT-20-013

### **Title**

Pre-Prepared Meals

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

7 December 2021

#### **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**

Early Days Food Ltd

Warrenpoint

Email

[ryan@earlydaysfoods.com](mailto:ryan@earlydaysfoods.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

[www.earlydaysfoods.com](http://www.earlydaysfoods.com)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £100,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK currently does not have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Armagh

Country

United Kingdom