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Tender

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 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services
- 55524000 - School catering services
- 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

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 June 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Tender submission deadline

16 June 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

PME responses to be submitted via the secure messaging function in eTendersNI for this CfT

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise	***This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise***	Cost	100%

Other information

Payment terms

This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise

Description of risks to contract performance

This is a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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Contracting authority

the Education Authority

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland