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Tender

Fresh Poultry Products for Education Authority NI

the Education Authority

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-025287

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04eba1 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Reference

CAT-25-006

Description

The Education Authority invites tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Fresh Poultry Products. The initial period will be for 20 months from the Start Date (anticipated to be August 2025) with options to extend for any additional period(s) of up to and including 36 months.

This Contract is established by the Education Authority and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows, who at some point, during the life of the Contract may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access at any point, with the permission of EA. This Contract is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place.

Department of Education - Schools Plus <https://www.educationni.gov.uk/services/schools->

[plus](#)

Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery School for NI (both controlled, and Catholic Maintained), school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres.

FE Colleges : <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges>

Further Education Colleges in NI

NICIE - <https://nicie.org/>

Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI

Independent Schools in NI <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/>

EA Teachers' and Educational Centres

Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI (CCEA)

Armagh Observatory and Planetarium

Middletown Centre for Autism

Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC)

Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)

Pre-Schools and Nurseries included within the EA's Pre-School Education Programme (PSEP)

Preliminary market engagement notice was Published 11 March 2025, 2:55pm

Engagement deadline: 25 March 2025

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Total value (estimated)

- £17,500,000 excluding VAT
- £17,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 August 2025 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 7 months, 14 days

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for any additional period(s) of up to and including 36 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15112000 - Poultry
- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
- 15130000 - Meat products

- 15110000 - Meat

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not using lots

Geographical lots and lots to divide raw poultry and cooked poultry were considered however, it was agreed by the panel that this was not feasible as all schools need to receive the same products with equal quality/price across the board and the risk of receiving no bids for geographical areas with less locations to service was unacceptable. It was further identified through PME by suppliers that it would not be commercially viable to supply EA unless all locations were to be serviced by one supplier, as the logistical arrangements required will be at a cost to suppliers which can only be covered by the large scale business.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

None

Technical ability conditions of participation

CoP 1 - Technical ability to perform the contract - Previous Experience

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 June 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

23 June 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 August 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 October 2029

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|---|--|---------|-----------|
| Total Contract Price | Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps | Cost | 75% |
| Proposed Methodology | Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps | Quality | 15% |
| Supply Chain and Contingency Management | Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps | Quality | 10% |

Other information

Payment terms

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI
<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Description of risks to contract performance

The Buyer cannot guarantee any particular level of business (volumes/values) within the Contract.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland