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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
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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.

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## **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)

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## **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

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## Award criteria

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

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## 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

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## **Contracting authority**

### **the Education Authority**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland