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# EDR-24-014 Provision of Special Educational Needs Preschool education

the Education Authority

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

educationresource.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

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

Education

## **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

## II.1.1) Title

EDR-24-014 Provision of Special Educational Needs Pre-school education

Reference number

EDR-24-014

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Provision of pre-school education for identified pupils with Special Educational Needs for the period 01 September 2024 to 30 June 2025. This service falls under the scope of PCR 2015 Schedule 3 Social and other Specific Services (PPN 01/21 Procurement of Social and Other Specific Services applies)

#### 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: £81,600

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 80110000 - Pre-school education services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The provision of pre-school education for identified pupils with Special Educational Needs for the period 01 September 2024 to 30 June 2025. This service falls under the scope of PCR 2015 Schedule 3 Social and other Specific Services (PPN 01/21 Procurement of Social and Other Specific Services applies)

#### 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

#### II.2.14) Additional information

These requirements are for a period of ten months and fall below the light touch threshold for Schedule 3 Services Social and other specific services, therefore in accordance with Regulation 77 and in line with PPN 02/21 Procurement of Social and other Specific Services, the Education Authority intend to directly award this contract without competition to an organisation whose purpose is in the pursuit of a public service mission. It is the intention of the Education Authority to simultaneously launch a pre-market engagement exercise to initiate an open tender process to procure these services for a longer term.

## Section IV. Procedure

## IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

• The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

#### Explanation:

These requirements fall below the light touch threshold for Schedule 3 Services Social and other specific services, therefore in accordance with Regulation 77 and in line with PPN 02/21 Procurement of Social and other Specific Services, the Education Authority intend to directly award this contract without competition to an organisation whose purpose is in the pursuit of a public service mission.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

## 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

8 August 2024

#### 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

Solas

284A Ormeau Road

United Kingdom
NUTS code
UKN - Northern Ireland
National registration number
NIC100114
Internet address
https://www.solasbt7.com/
The contractor/concessionaire is an SME
No
V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)
Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £81,600

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £81,600

Belfast

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BT7 2GB

childcare.services@solasbt7.com

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.4) Procedures for review

## VI.4.1) Review body

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

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