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

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048a84

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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](mailto: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

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### **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**

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#### **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.

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## **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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

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Belfast

BT7 2GB

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[childcare.services@solasbt7.com](mailto:childcare.services@solasbt7.com)

Country

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

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## **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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