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Planning

CAT-22-006 Pre-Prepared Meals

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036a51

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

3 Charlemont Place, The Mall

ARMAGH

BT61 9AX

Email

catering.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.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

CAT-22-006 Pre-Prepared Meals

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15894200 - Prepared meals

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority wishes to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Pre-Prepared and Bulk Meals to school kitchens located throughout Northern Ireland. It is anticipated this tender will be issued in November 2022.

As part of the preparation activities the Education Authority are holding a pre-market engagement event with interested suppliers to investigate and understand market capabilities and gain knowledge to inform the development of specifications and tender documentation. The exercise will also provide procurement awareness for suppliers regarding the EA's requirements for the purchase of these products.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15894200 - Prepared meals

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Education Authority wishes to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Pre-Prepared and Bulk Meals to school kitchens located throughout Northern Ireland

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

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

The estimated date of publication at II.3 is subject to change

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 November 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Education Authority wishes to establish a framework for the supply and delivery of Pre-Prepared and Bulk Meals to school kitchens located throughout Northern Ireland. It is anticipated this tender will be issued in November 2022. As part of the preparation activities the Education Authority are holding a pre-market engagement event with interested suppliers to investigate and understand market capabilities and gain knowledge to inform the development of specifications and tender documentation. The exercise will also provide procurement awareness for suppliers regarding the EA's requirements for the purchase of these products. The event will be a virtual session and is open to all interested suppliers. No final decision has been made yet on the composition of this framework and it is the intention of the Education Authority to hold pre-market engagement on Thursday 6 October 2022 via MS Teams or Zoom to discuss our requirements and gain feedback from interested suppliers. Should you wish to participate you must email catering.procure@eani.org.uk with the subject CAT-22-006 Pre-prepared and Bulk Meals - Pre-market engagement event no later than 12 noon on Thursday 29 September 2022. Your email should include the names of the representatives wishing to attend, the name of your organisation and a summary of the products your organisation is interested in supplying. Future tender documentation will be made available via the <http://etendersni.gov.uk> website and interested suppliers should register, if not already registered, on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when any invitation to tenders are published. This pre-market engagement event is for information purposes only. Any interest shown does not constitute a commitment to participate in a procurement exercise. Failure to show interest does not restrict suppliers from participating in any future procurement exercise.

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

Armagh

Country

United Kingdom