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## **CAT-22-006 Pre-Prepared Meals**

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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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](mailto: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

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## **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

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**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

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## 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](mailto: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