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## **FAE-24-006 SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

the Education Authority

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-028294

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0458dd

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

the Education Authority

Ballee Road West

Ballymena

BT42 2HS

#### **Email**

[equipment.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:equipment.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://www.eani.org.uk/procurement>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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 electronically via

<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

FAE-24-006 SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR EDUCATION AUTHORITY

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 39100000 - Furniture

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of School Furniture to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years. The tender is divided into 5 lots as follows: Lot 1 – Classroom Furniture, Lot 2 - Furniture for School Dining Areas and Staff Canteens, Lot 3 – Assembly Hall Chairs and Trolleys, Lot 4 – Science Technology Furniture and Lot 5 – Design and Room Fit Outs - Catalogues. This framework agreement is let by the Northern Ireland Education Authority (“EA”) and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows and at some point, during the life of the framework agreement these bodies may wish to utilize the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA. This framework agreement is not intended to replace any current contracts/framework agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place. <https://www.education-ni.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 Centre's. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges> Further Education Colleges in NI, <https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/> Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI, <https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/> Independent School in NI, Libraries NI: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>, EA Teachers' and Educational Centre's, 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)

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £27,470,800

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
5

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 – Classroom Furniture

Lot No

1

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

- 39161000 - Kindergarten furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39180000 - Laboratory furniture
- 39156000 - Lounge and reception-area furniture
- 39150000 - Miscellaneous furniture and equipment
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39143200 - Dining-room furniture
- 39141000 - Kitchen furniture and equipment
- 79934000 - Furniture design services
- 39121000 - Desks and tables
- 39120000 - Tables, cupboards, desk and bookcases
- 39110000 - Seats, chairs and related products, and associated parts

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £13,186,095

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

The value detailed in this lot is estimated. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume or value of products required under this Lot. The EA reserves the right to reallocate any values between all Lots under this Framework where required throughout the Framework Agreement Period within the limit of the overall awarded Framework Value.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Furniture for School Dining Areas and Staff Canteens

Lot No

2

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

- 39161000 - Kindergarten furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39180000 - Laboratory furniture
- 39156000 - Lounge and reception-area furniture
- 39150000 - Miscellaneous furniture and equipment

- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39143200 - Dining-room furniture
- 39141000 - Kitchen furniture and equipment
- 79934000 - Furniture design services
- 39121000 - Desks and tables
- 39120000 - Tables, cupboards, desk and bookcases
- 39110000 - Seats, chairs and related products, and associated parts

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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and Nurseries included within the EA's Pre-School Education Programme (PSEP)

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,233,205

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

The value detailed in this lot is estimated. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume or value of products required under this Lot. The EA reserves the right to reallocate any values between all Lots under this Framework where required throughout the Framework Agreement Period within the limit of the overall awarded Framework Value.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**



## Lot 3 – Assembly Hall Chairs and Trolleys

Lot No

3

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

- 39161000 - Kindergarten furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39180000 - Laboratory furniture
- 39156000 - Lounge and reception-area furniture
- 39150000 - Miscellaneous furniture and equipment
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39143200 - Dining-room furniture
- 39141000 - Kitchen furniture and equipment
- 79934000 - Furniture design services
- 39121000 - Desks and tables
- 39120000 - Tables, cupboards, desk and bookcases
- 39110000 - Seats, chairs and related products, and associated parts

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,134

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

The value detailed in this lot is estimated. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume or value of products required under this Lot. The EA reserves the right to reallocate any values between all Lots under this Framework where required throughout the Framework Agreement Period within the limit of the overall awarded Framework Value.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 – Science Technology Furniture

Lot No

4

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

- 39161000 - Kindergarten furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39180000 - Laboratory furniture
- 39156000 - Lounge and reception-area furniture
- 39150000 - Miscellaneous furniture and equipment
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39143200 - Dining-room furniture
- 39141000 - Kitchen furniture and equipment
- 79934000 - Furniture design services
- 39121000 - Desks and tables
- 39120000 - Tables, cupboards, desk and bookcases
- 39110000 - Seats, chairs and related products, and associated parts

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

### II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,807,206

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

The value detailed in this lot is estimated. There is no commitment as to the usage, volume or value of products required under this Lot. The EA reserves the right to reallocate any values between all Lots under this Framework where required throughout the Framework Agreement Period within the limit of the overall awarded Framework Value.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 – Design and Room Fit Outs - Catalogues

Lot No

5

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

- 39161000 - Kindergarten furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture
- 39180000 - Laboratory furniture

- 39156000 - Lounge and reception-area furniture
- 39150000 - Miscellaneous furniture and equipment
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39143200 - Dining-room furniture
- 39141000 - Kitchen furniture and equipment
- 79934000 - Furniture design services
- 39121000 - Desks and tables
- 39120000 - Tables, cupboards, desk and bookcases
- 39110000 - Seats, chairs and related products, and associated parts

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,494,160

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Full details can be found in the CfT documents section on eTenderNI

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 11



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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

#### **IV.2) Administrative information**

##### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-015043](#)

##### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

4 October 2024

Local time

3:00pm

##### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

##### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 1 February 2025

##### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 October 2024

Local time

3:30pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### VI.3) Additional information

This framework is let by the Northern Ireland Education Authority ("EA") and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies (as listed in II.2.4 - Description of the procurement) and at some point during the life of the Framework these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA. This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place.. All processes include the following: . Tenderers should ensure they read and understand the documentation found in the CFT documents area of eTendersNI. As a Public Sector Procurement organisation, EA must adhere to the Procurement Policy Notes, <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/procurement-policy-notes-ppns>. . This tender includes requirements relating to Human Rights, Modern Slavery, Supply Chain Resilience and Social Value and all tenders must meet the requirements detailed in the tender documentation to be compliant. . EA reserves the right to: . 1. Not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice.. 2. To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition.. 3. To award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice..

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom