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Planning

CAT-23-006 Fresh Poultry and Poultry Products and CAT-23-008 Frozen Foods

Education Authority NI

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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-23-006 Fresh Poultry and Poultry Products and CAT-23-008 Frozen Foods

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) wishes to establish two frameworks, one for the supply and delivery of frozen food products, and another for supply and delivery of fresh poultry and poultry products, for delivery to school meals kitchens. It is envisaged that a number of suppliers will be appointed to the frameworks. EA wish to carry out pre-market engagement with interested suppliers to investigate the current market capabilities and gain knowledge about existing and future products which will assist the tender panel with the development of the tender documentation. This will ensure existing and future requirements are met and will also provide procurement awareness for suppliers regarding 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.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Education Authority (EA) wishes to establish two frameworks, one for the supply and delivery of frozen food products, and another for supply and delivery of fresh poultry and poultry products, for delivery to school meals kitchens.

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

31 January 2024

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 (EA) wishes to establish two frameworks, one for the supply and delivery of frozen food products, and another for supply and delivery of fresh poultry and poultry products, for delivery to school meals kitchens throughout Northern Ireland. It is anticipated this tender will be issued in January 2024. 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 week commencing 27th November 2023 via MS Teams 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-23-006 Fresh Poultry and Poultry Products and CAT-23-008 Frozen Foods - Pre-market engagement event" no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 15th November 2023. 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.