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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

Prior information only

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

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

Education Authority NI

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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.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

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**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**

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#### **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

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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 (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](mailto: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.