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## **Dishwashers, Blast Chillers and Toasters**

The Education Authority

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

The Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[cater.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:cater.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.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**

Dishwashers, Blast Chillers and Toasters

Reference number

CAT 11039

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 39310000 - Catering equipment

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

The award of a contract by Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union, in respect of the continued provision of a call off contract for Dishwashers, Blast Chillers and Toasters. As further described in OJEU contract notice REF

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £881,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

UKN Northern Ireland

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

Supply of Dishwashers, Blast Chillers and Toasters to the Education Authority NI

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

#### **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 EA is proposing a short extension to the current call off contract until 31 March 2024 to allow the new procurement exercise to be launched via the DPS <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/dps/prepareViewCfTDPSWS.do?resourceId=4841480>. It is envisaged that a new contract will be in place for the 01 April 2024.

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Regulation 72(1)(c) permits this extension due to unforeseen circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen; the overall nature of the contract is not altered and the value of the original call off will not change due to this modification. The modification is required to allow additional time ie 4 months to allow the completion of the new procurement. The call off contract was entered into by EANI for a term ending 30 November 2023. The proposed modification would extend the contract until 31 March 2024.

EANI intended to commence a new procurement exercise in September 2023. However, the new procurement exercise has been delayed due to resourcing issues within the catering industry. The new tender process will be issued via the CAT 23 001 Dynamic Purchasing System early in 2024. (Interested suppliers can register to participate and further details can be found here

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/dps/prepareViewCfTDPSWS.do?resourceId=4841480>).

EANI anticipates the new contract commencement will be 01 April 2024 with services extended under the current call off contract until then.

The original call off contract was for a maximum value of £881,000 there is no change to the expected value of the contract. The only change will be a short 4 month extension.

The extension has become necessary and is permitted by Regulation 72(1)(c) of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Namely, the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(i) The need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen. Staffing issues caused by industry wide recruitment problems have delayed the new procurement, with such circumstances, and the ensuing delay, unforeseeable by EANI. Accordingly, an extension is required to allow a procurement exercise to be carried out via CAT 23 001 Dynamic Purchasing system and to ensure continuity of service until the new contract commences. Any supplier is

welcome to apply to join the DPS and further details can be found here

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/dps/prepareViewCfTDPSWS.do?resourceId=4841480>

(ii) The modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract. Other than the term of the call off contract being extended to allow the new procurement to be concluded, the nature of the call off contract is not being amended; and

(iii) Any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement. The value of the original call off contract was £881,000 GBP and there is no change to the value.

#### **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: [2020/S 164-399629](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

CAT 11039

### **Title**

Dishwashers, Blast Chillers and Toasters

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 October 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Stephens Catering Equipment Co Ltd

Ballymena

BT42 4NY

Email

[pcaves@stephens-catering.com](mailto:pcaves@stephens-catering.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.stephenscateringequipment.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £881,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £881,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom