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Tender

Teaching and Learning Resources (including Assessment Materials)

the Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

EDR-24-010

Description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of Teaching and Learning Resources (including Assessment Materials) to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years. 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).

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £50,000,000 excluding VAT
- £50,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Tenderers may bid for one, multiple or all Lots.

Lot 1. Textbooks

Description

Textbooks - Suitable for All Key Stage: Early Years, Primary & Secondary. To include but not limited to.

- a) Fiction books e.g. Reading books, Picture books
- b) Non-Fiction books
- c) Curriculum books e.g. textbooks, revision guides, assessment books, workbooks
- d) Teaching Resources e.g. Audio-Visual Aids, e-learning / technology CD's, DVD's
- e) Reference books e.g. maps, dictionaries, atlases, manuals
- f) Textbooks available in other languages e.g. Ulster Scots, Irish, Polish etc.
- g) Irish Medium Titles
- h) Digital Learning Resources

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.

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section,

because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Pupil Workbooks and Resources

Description

Pupil Workbooks and Resources: Suitable for All Key Stage: Early Years, Primary & Secondary. To include but not limited to;

a) Pupils Aged Up To 11 Years including those for use in Early Childhood; Special

Education and General Education.

b) Pupils Aged Above 11 Years including those for use in Special Education and General

Education

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.

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section,

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Lot 3. Assessment Resources

Description

Assessment Resources: Suitable for All Key Stage: Early Years, Primary & Secondary. To include but not limited to;

- a) Educational Assessment Resources for Pre-School (early years)
- b) Educational Assessment Resources for Primary and Post Primary Pupils
- c) Assessment Resources for the Transfer of Pupils from Primary to Post Primary Education
- d) Assessment Resources for Health and Wellbeing
- e) Assessment Resources for Mental Health
- f) Assessments for Clinical Psychology
- g) Assessments for Speech and Language
- h) Assessments for Early Childhood
- i) Assessments for General Education

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.

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £15,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Music Materials

Description

Music Materials: Suitable for All Key Stage: early Years, Primary & Secondary. To include but not limited to;

- a) Sheet music
- b) Scores
- c) Vocal Orchestra Parts
- d) Music Literature

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.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £5,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

All Suppliers who pass the Mandatory requirements, Award Criteria and complete their

Pricing Schedule in accordance with the instructions will be awarded a place on the Framework on a Lot-by-Lot basis.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Textbooks

Lot 2. Pupil Workbooks and Resources

Lot 3. Assessment Resources

Lot 4. Music Materials

Suppliers must provide 2 detailed example[s] of having provided goods on a similar scale and scope as outlined in the Specification and the Lot(s) which they are bidding for within the last 3 years.

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Textbooks

Lot 2. Pupil Workbooks and Resources

Lot 3. Assessment Resources

Lot 4. Music Materials

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

18 July 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

25 July 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://etendersni.gov.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC3 Price	Suppliers must download and complete the document 05. Pricing Schedule Lots 1-4. The document must then be uploaded into the financial envelope on eTendersNI.within each of the Lots they are bidding for.	Cost

Weighting description

Award criteria Pass/Fail

AC1 - Adherence to Specification of Requirements

AC2 - Technical Response

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

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Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland