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Contract

ID 5321594 - DfE - NWRC - Supply and Delivery of Specialist Grocery Items for N.I. FE/HE Colleges

Belfast Metropolitan College
FE Belfast Metropolitan College
FE Northern Regional College
South West College
FE Southern Regional College
North West Regional College
Southern Regional College
FE South West College

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-034749

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dccb

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Belfast Metropolitan College

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 5321594 - DfE - NWRC - Supply and Delivery of Specialist Grocery Items for N.I. FE/HE Colleges

Reference number

ID 5321594

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 supply and delivery of Specialist Grocery Items is required for five of the regional colleges in Northern Ireland. The products are required for use in the delivery of courses to their students and in their commercial kitchens. The Contract is subdivided into five geographical Lots based on the individual College catchment areas as detailed below. Lot 1 Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 2 Northern Regional College (NRC); Lot 3 North West Regional College (NWRC); Lot 4 Southern Regional College (SRC); and Lot 5 South West College (SWC).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Belfast Metropolitan College BMC

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15400000 - Animal or vegetable oils and fats
- 15500000 - Dairy products
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 15110000 - Meat
- 15130000 - Meat products
- 15131000 - Meat preserves and preparations
- 15112000 - Poultry
- 15113000 - Pork
- 15111100 - Beef
- 15111200 - Veal
- 15115000 - Lamb and mutton
- 15119300 - Game

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 - Supply Chain / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 optional extensions 1 yr + 1 yr

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 figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Northern Regional College NRC

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 - Supply Chain / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 optional extensions 1 yr + 1 yr

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - North West Regional College NWRC

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 - Supply Chain / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 optional extensions 1 yr + 1 yr

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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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Southern Regional College SRC

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15400000 - Animal or vegetable oils and fats
- 15500000 - Dairy products
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- 15111100 - Beef
- 15111200 - Veal
- 15115000 - Lamb and mutton
- 15119300 - Game

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply and delivery of Specialist Grocery Items is required for five of the regional colleges in Northern Ireland. The products are required for use in the delivery of courses to their students and in their commercial kitchens. The Contract is subdivided into five geographical Lots based on the individual College catchment areas as detailed below. Lot 1 Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 2 Northern Regional College (NRC); Lot 3 North West Regional College (NWRC); Lot 4 Southern Regional College (SRC); and Lot 5 South West College (SWC).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 - Supply Chain / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 optional extensions 1 yr + 1 yr

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 figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise and an Economic Operator shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 - South West College SWC

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15400000 - Animal or vegetable oils and fats
- 15500000 - Dairy products
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 15110000 - Meat
- 15130000 - Meat products

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- 15115000 - Lamb and mutton
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply and delivery of Specialist Grocery Items is required for five of the regional colleges in Northern Ireland. The products are required for use in the delivery of courses to their students and in their commercial kitchens. The Contract is subdivided into five geographical Lots based on the individual College catchment areas as detailed below. Lot 1 Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 2 Northern Regional College (NRC); Lot 3 North West Regional College (NWRC); Lot 4 Southern Regional College (SRC); and Lot 5 South West College (SWC).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 - Supply Chain / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 optional extensions 1 yr + 1 yr

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 figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise and an Economic Operator shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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: [2025/S 000-004183](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NEWTOWNABBEY

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Northern Regional College (NRC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Lot No

3

Title

Lot 3 - North West Regional College (NWRC)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

4

Lot No

4

Title

Lot 4 - Southern Regional College (SRC)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

5

Lot No

5

Title

Lot 5 - South West College (SWC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of three years from the date of issue..

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