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## **BSP-20-013 Uniforms, Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment**

The Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0298c7

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

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

The Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

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

BSP-20-013 Uniforms, Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment

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

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories

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

Supplies

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

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is currently in it's 2nd 12 month extension period.

The EA is placing this transparency notice to alert economic operators of its plans to modify this Framework Agreement in accordance with Regulation 72(1)(c) of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 for an addition to the Framework Agreement value of £575,000. This modification to increase value does not exceed 50% of the value of the original Framework Agreement. The increase of 50% should be more than sufficient to allow continued sourcing from the Framework Agreement until the new Framework Agreement commences 01 June 2025 and is permissible under PCR Reg 72(c).

### **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: £1,150,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Protective Clothing

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

- 18222000 - Corporate clothing

### **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 Methodology / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Quality Assurance / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contingency / Weighting: 8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Considerations Requirement / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework has options to extend for 2 further 12 month periods.

## **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - School Crossing Patrol

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18222000 - Corporate clothing
- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

### **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 Methodology / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Quality Assurance / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contingency / Weighting: 8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Considerations Requirement / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework had the option to extend for 2 further of 12 month periods.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Miscellaneous Items, Equipment and Gloves

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18222000 - Corporate clothing
- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Quality Assurance / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contingency / Weighting: 8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Considerations Requirement / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework had the option to extension for 2 further 12 month periods.

## **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Catering Accessories

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18222000 - Corporate clothing



- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Considerations Requirement / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework had the option to extend for 2 further 12 month periods.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 - Catering Uniforms

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18222000 - Corporate clothing
- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Considerations Requirement / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework had an option to extend for 2 further 12 month periods.

#### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 6 - Specialist Protective Clothing and Equipment

Lot No

6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18222000 - Corporate clothing
- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
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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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Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework had the option to extend for 2 further 12 month periods.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **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:

This VEAT is not to provide notice of an award without prior notice but to provide notice of a modification of the framework value. This Framework Agreement was awarded as per publication reference 2021/S 000-019411 in August 2021. A modification to the Framework value is necessary to ensure continued supply of essential Uniforms, Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment required to serve the EA until the commencement of a new arrangement.

These requirements have become necessary and are 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. It has become necessary for EA to further increase the value of this contract as additional expenditure has been incurred due to an unforeseen demand. By doing so, the continued supply of Uniforms, Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment can be managed effectively, without causing disruptions.

The additional value is permissible under Regulation 72. (ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract; The proposed modification does not impact the overall nature of the contract, it remains to be there to supply Uniforms, Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment. (iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement. The awarded value of the original Framework was £1,150,000 GBP. This modification will increase the framework value by £575,000 which is within the allowed 50% threshold.

EA will not implement the modification until 30 days after the publication of this Notice.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2021/S 000-019411](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 August 2021

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

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

PJD Safety Supplies

AUGHNACLOY

BT69 6AA

Email

[info@pjdsafetysupplies.com](mailto:info@pjdsafetysupplies.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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



Charles Hughes Ltd.

Westport

F28FY88

Email

[sales@portwest.ie](mailto:sales@portwest.ie)

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.charleshughes.biz>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

HEALTHY BEAN LTD

GREENWICH

SE100ZD

Email

[info@healthybean.org](mailto:info@healthybean.org)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://healthybean.org>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Mi Hub Limited formally MWUK

DERBY

DE74 2UD

Email

[tenders@alexandra.co.uk](mailto:tenders@alexandra.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.alexandra.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,150,000

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This framework was 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 these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA. This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place.

<https://www.educationni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus>

(<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 Centres.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/furthereducation-fe-colleges>.

(<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fecolleges>). Further Education

Colleges in NI <https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/>

(<https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/>). Grant Controlled Integrated Education

Schools in NI. <https://www.isc.co.uk/> (<https://www.isc.co.uk/>) schools/northern-ireland/.

Independent School in NI. Libraries NI:

<https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>(<https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>). EA

Teachers’. and Educational Centres, 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).

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such review bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures Ballymena

Ballymena

Country

United Kingdom

#### VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The UK does not have any such review bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation

procedures Ballymena

Ballymena

Country

United Kingdom