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Tender

## **ID 5117883 - DfE - SERC - The Supply and Delivery of Fruit, Vegetables and Fresh Produce for the Northern Ireland Further and Higher Education Colleges**

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

F02: Contract notice

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

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

South Eastern Regional College

Victoria Avenue

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.serc.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

FE Belfast Metropolitan College

Titanic Quarter Campus, 7 Queens Road

Belfast

BT3 9DT

**Email**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.belfastmet.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

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

FE Northern Regional College

Antrim Campus, Fountain Street

Antrim

BT41 4AL

#### **Email**

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United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.nrc.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

FE North West Regional College

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

FE Southern Regional College

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.src.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

FE South West College

2 Mountjoy Road

Omagh

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://swc.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ID 5117883 - DfE - SERC - The Supply and Delivery of Fruit, Vegetables and Fresh Produce for the Northern Ireland Further and Higher Education Colleges

Reference number

ID 5117883

#### **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**

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £365,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
6

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC)

Lot No

1

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the Contract for two further periods up to one year each.

### **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 – Southern Regional College (SRC)

Lot No

2

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products

- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the Contract for two further periods up to one year each.

### **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 – South West College (SWC)

Lot No

3

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be

awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the Contract for two further periods up to one year each.

### **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 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)

Lot No

4

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the Contract for two further periods up to one year each.

### **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 – Northern Regional College (NRC)

Lot No

5

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the Contract for two further periods up to one year each.

**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 – North West Regional College (NWRC)

Lot No

6

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the Contract for two further periods up to one year each.

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

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

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## **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

29 January 2024

Local time

3:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 28 April 2024

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

29 January 2024

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract monitoring: the successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. 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 construction and procurement delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this may be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years..

### **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

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

