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Planning

Pre Market Engagement for Framework for Independent Counselling Services for Schools

the Education Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Email

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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.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Pre Market Engagement for Framework for Independent Counselling Services for Schools

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a Framework Agreement for an Independent Counselling Service for schools/educational establishments across Northern Ireland. EANI wishes to engage with the market at this stage to establish the level of market interest and to gather

information that will be beneficial in the tendering process. Suppliers who wish to participate in the market engagement exercise should complete the pre-market engagement questionnaire. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CfT Documents. The questionnaire must be completed and returned via the Messaging function no later than 3pm on Friday 19th January 2024. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire. Any information gathered will NOT be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise. Participation or non-participation in this pre-procurement market engagement shall not prevent any supplier/provider participating in a potential procurement process nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier/provider at an advantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and there is no commitment, at this stage to carrying out such a process

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The primary purpose of this preliminary market engagement exercise is for the Education Authority (EA) to explain, and seek supplier views and feedback on, potential approaches for Independent Counselling Services for post primary aged pupils in mainstream, special and EOTAS educational settings.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes