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***PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE* Smart School Transport Solution for The Education Authority**

the Education Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34000000 - Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) would like to invite participation in a Pre-Market Engagement exercise to seek the views of the market for a 'Smart School Transport' solution.

The purpose of this Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) Exercise is for the Education Authority (EA) to gain an understanding of the latest developments and innovative solutions to enable delivery of safer and more efficient home to school transport in Northern Ireland.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

**** This is not a tender exercise by the Education Authority**** The Education Authority (EA) would like to invite participation in a Pre-Market Engagement exercise to seek the views of the market for a 'Smart School Transport' solution. The purpose of this Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) Exercise is for the Education Authority (EA) to gain an understanding of the latest developments and innovative solutions to enable delivery of safer and more efficient home to school transport in Northern Ireland. This PME exercise will be used to assist EA in gaining a better understanding of the feasibility of the requirements, the most appropriate procurement and operational approach, the capacity of the market to deliver the requirements and an opportunity for the market to highlight any possible risks or issues that may not have previously been considered. As part of the PME exercise, respondents may be invited to a follow-up session to explore and discuss the information provided in their response via MS Teams within an agreed time frame. This session may include providing a demonstration of the proposed Transport solution. EA is also seeking indicative costs to help inform the business case on the commercial aspects for the delivery and implementation of the solution. The PME exercise is not part of a formal procurement process. If you wish to participate in a pre market engagement session please download and complete document "EA SMART Bus Solution PME Questionnaire" and return to Caroline McCann (caroline.mccann2@eani.org.uk) and Jenna Ambrose (jenna.ambrose@eani.org.uk) no later than 12 noon on Monday 22nd January 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 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