

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/037689-2025>

Planning

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

the Education Authority

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-037689

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0559b9

Published 7 July 2025, 11:21am

Scope

Reference

CAT-25-004

Description

This is not a tender exercise by the Education Authority The Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) wishes to engage with the market to seek their views on establishing a robust, value for money contract for the provision of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. Any information gathered through this market consultation exercise will inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Please note that participation or non-participation in this preliminary market consultation exercise shall not prevent any supplier from participating in any potential procurement process, nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier at an advantage or disadvantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase of the project and is not part of a formal procurement 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 PME Document signed and returned via the Messaging function of eTendersNI by no later than 3pm on Friday 25th July 2025 (deadline) in accordance with the instructions detailed in the PME Questionnaire" document. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15310000 - Potatoes and potato products
- 15330000 - Processed fruit and vegetables
- 15312000 - Potato products
- 15313000 - Processed potatoes
- 15331000 - Processed vegetables
- 15331110 - Processed root vegetables
- 15331100 - Fresh or frozen vegetables

- 15331120 - Processed tuber vegetables
- 15331130 - Beans, peas, peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables
- 15331135 - Processed mushrooms
- 15331140 - Leaf and cabbage vegetables
- 15331136 - Processed peppers
- 15331142 - Processed cabbage
- 15331470 - Sweet corn
- 15331480 - Provisionally preserved vegetables
- 15332000 - Processed fruit and nuts
- 15332100 - Processed fruit
- 15332180 - Melons
- 03222310 - Berry fruit
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03212100 - Potatoes
- 03221100 - Root and tuber vegetables
- 03221110 - Root vegetables
- 03221112 - Carrots
- 03221113 - Onions
- 03221114 - Turnips
- 03221120 - Tuber vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables
- 03221222 - Mange-tout

- 03221230 - Peppers
- 03221240 - Tomatoes
- 03221250 - Courgettes
- 03221260 - Mushrooms
- 03221270 - Cucumbers
- 03221300 - Leaf vegetables
- 03221310 - Lettuce
- 03221320 - Salad leaves
- 03221340 - Spinach
- 03221400 - Cabbage vegetables
- 03221410 - Cabbage
- 03221420 - Cauliflower
- 03221430 - Broccoli
- 03222000 - Fruit and nuts
- 03222100 - Tropical fruit and nuts
- 03222110 - Tropical fruit
- 03222111 - Bananas
- 03222112 - Pineapples
- 03222118 - Kiwi fruit
- 03222200 - Citrus fruit
- 03222210 - Lemons
- 03222220 - Oranges
- 03222250 - Limes

- 03222300 - Non-tropical fruit
- 03222314 - Raspberries
- 03222320 - Apples, pears and quinces
- 03222322 - Pears
- 03222330 - Stone fruit
- 03222332 - Peaches
- 03222334 - Plums
- 03222340 - Grapes
- 03222341 - Table grapes

Engagement

Engagement deadline

25 July 2025

Engagement process description

PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE (PME) for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for the Education Authority. Interested suppliers are asked to complete and return the questionnaire.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT12NQ

United Kingdom

Email: catering.procure@eani.org.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland