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Planning

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

the Education Authority

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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 questionniare.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

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