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Planning

Framework Agreement for the Supply, Delivery and Maintenance of Multi-Function Devices and Photocopiers to Schools in Northern Ireland.

Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

ICT-25-012

Description

The primary purpose of this preliminary market engagement exercise (“Exercise”) is for the Education Authority (EA) to explain, and seek supplier views and feedback on, potential approaches for a Framework Agreement to be established for the Supply, Delivery and Maintenance of Multi-Function Devices and Photocopiers to Schools in Northern Ireland.

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 nonparticipation 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 of CfT 6034936.

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 from 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.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 August 2025

Engagement process description

Questionnaire submission followed by Supplier Engagement days via MS Teams.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Contracting authority

Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland