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Contract

CAT-24-005 Warewashing, Refrigeration and Freezing Equipment

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-042240

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04cc4a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT12NQ

Email

catering.procure@eani.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.eani.org.uk/>

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

CAT-24-005 Warewashing, Refrigeration and Freezing Equipment

Reference number

CAT-24-005

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 39310000 - Catering equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Client has established a Framework Agreement for the supply and delivery of Warewashing and Refrigeration and Freezing equipment.

The Framework is divided into two Lots as follows: • Lot 1 Warewashing Equipment • Lot 2 Refrigeration and Freezing Equipment. This Contract Award notice is being published following the Award of Lot 2 Refrigeration and Freezing Equipment.

A Previous Contract Award Notice was published following the award of Lot 1 Warewashing Equipment. This notice is referenced 2025/S 000-031592 and was published on 11 June 2025.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £10,050,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Warewashing Equipment

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39300000 - Miscellaneous equipment
- 39700000 - Domestic appliances
- 42200000 - Machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing and associated parts

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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A Previous Contract Award Notice was published following the award of Lot 1

Warewashing Equipment. We refer to this notice referenced 2025/S 000-031592 which was published on 11 June 2025 for information relating to the award of Lot 1.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will be valid for an initial period of 2 years from the Commencement Date with options to extend for period/s up to 24 months.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Client cannot guarantee any particular level of business within the Framework Agreement. Any information on previous volumes or value of business are for guidance only and no guarantee is given as to the exact value under this Framework. Any levels or aggregate values of goods referred to are indicative only and shall not be binding on the Client. The EA reserves the right to move value between the Lots as required, however, the overarching value of the Framework Agreement will not exceed £10,050,000 (ex VAT) or £12,060,000 (inc VAT).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Refrigeration and Freezing Equipment

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39300000 - Miscellaneous equipment
- 39700000 - Domestic appliances
- 42200000 - Machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing and associated parts

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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Price

II.2.11) Information about options

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-041258](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Refrigeration and Freezing Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

STEPHENS CATERING EQUIPMENT CO LTD

Ballymena

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Companies House

NI011092

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £10,050,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,050,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This Contract Award Notice is being published following Award of Lot 2 - Refrigeration and Freezing equipment on 1 July 2025.

A previous F03 Contract award notice was published following the Award of Lot 1 - Warewashing, this being notice 2025/000-031592 published on 11 June 2025. As detailed in this notice, the evaluation of Lot 2 was ongoing at the time of publication, and EA confirmed that a separate award notice would be published following the award of Lot 2.

For the avoidance of doubt, the combined total value of the Framework Agreement (Lots 1 and 2) is £10,050,000 excluding VAT.

This framework is let by the Northern Ireland Education Authority ("EA") and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows and at some point during the life of the

Framework these bodies may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA.

This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place. <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/services/schools-plus> Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery Schools for NI (both controlled and Catholic Maintained), school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges>. Further Education Colleges in NI.

<https://www.nicie.org/parents/school-finder/> Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI

<https://www.isc.co.uk/schools/northern-ireland/> Independent School in NI

Libraries NI: <https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/>

EA Teachers' and Educational Centres, Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI (CCEA) Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, Middletown Centre. for Autism, Controlled Schools Support Council (CSSC), Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE).

As a Public Sector Procurement organisation, EA must adhere to the Procurement Policy Notes, <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/procurement-policy-notes-PPNs>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

