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Award

Fresh Poultry Products for Education Authority NI

the Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

CAT-25-006

Description

Supply and Delivery of Fresh Poultry Products. The initial period will be for 20 months from the Start Date (anticipated to be August 2025) with options to extend for any additional period(s) of up to and including 36 months. Total estimated value £17,500,000

This Contract is established by the Education Authority and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows, who at some point, during the life of the Contract may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access at any point, with the permission of EA. This Contract is not intended to replace any current agreements that participating or nonparticipating

institutions may already have in place.

Department of Education - Schools Plus <https://www.educationni.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 School for NI (both controlled, and Catholic Maintained), school

meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres.

FE Colleges : <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-education-fe-colleges>

Further Education Colleges in NI

NICIE - <https://nicie.org/>

Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI

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

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)

Pre-Schools and Nurseries included within the EA's Pre-School Education Programme (PSEP)

Contract 1. Fresh Poultry Products for Education Authority NI

Supplier

- HENDERSON FOODSERVICE LIMITED

Contract value

- £17,500,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

29 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

29 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 8 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 August 2025 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 7 months, 3 days

Description of possible extension:

Options to extend for any additional period(s) of up to and including 36 months

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The EA Catering Service will continuously review the product range and specifications of items on this Contract. The Supplier will be required to work with the EA Catering Service in sourcing any new products that may be required.

CPV classifications

- 15112000 - Poultry

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received
 - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [ETHERSON MEATS LIMITED](#)
 - [Sysco GB Limited](#)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

ETHERSON MEATS LIMITED

- Companies House: NI016878

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDPG-2573-GRHQ

157 Bendooragh Rd

Ballymoney

BT53 7NR

United Kingdom

Region: UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

HENDERSON FOODSERVICE LIMITED

- Companies House: NI006894
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTDD-2623-PPYP

1 Hightown Avenue

Newtownabbey

BT36 4RT

United Kingdom

Email: HFLContracts@henderson-group.com

Website: <http://www.henderson-foodservice.com>

Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Sysco GB Limited

- Companies House: 02035315

77 Nutts Corner Road

Crumlin

BT29 4SJ

United Kingdom

Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

United Kingdom

Email: catering.procure@eani.org.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland