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Planning

## **Provision of Defence Personal injury Services**

Education Authority

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

BSP-25-013

### **Description**

The Education Authority (EA) intends to invite tenders for the Provision of Defence Personal Injury Legal Services for a 4-year Contract Period.

The service will involve defence of actual or anticipated High Court or County Court personal injury proceedings served upon the Education Authority, Libraries NI, a Board of Governors of a controlled school or a Board of Governors of an Irish Medium School or the Trustees / Board of Governors of a Catholic Maintained School - and if necessary the undertaking of a separate initial claims investigation function- as well as the defence or prosecution of an appeal from any court decision given in any such proceedings and/or the bringing of third party proceedings or associated contribution proceedings); the conduct of all such proceedings or investigative function to be carried out in accordance with the Contractual Arrangements.

EA's intention is to award the Contract to four firms of solicitors with work allocated on a rotational basis.

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2030
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services

### **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Engagement**

## **Engagement deadline**

17 October 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Details of the PME Questionnaire can be found in the CfT for this exercise on eTendersNI - link here <https://etendersni.gov.uk/>

Interested participants should complete the questionnaire and upload by 3pm on 10 October 2025. Completed questionnaires must be returned via the eTendersNI Messaging function as an attachment. If you have any other questions that you would wish to raise EA are happy to consider these also, such queries should be submitted following the declaration on the questionnaire.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

29 October 2025

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## Procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland