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Tender

DFC - Disability and Work Branch - Wholesale Supplies for the Ability Cafes

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL)

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Scope

Reference

ID 5988064

Description

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL) is an arms-length body of The Department of Communities. USEL provide a wide range of services to people with disabilities or health conditions. USEL exists solely to help people with disabilities and health related conditions move into and sustain employment. Every year we employ, support and train over 1200 people across Northern Ireland. USEL offers a range of learning programs to help people get into employment and offer support to employers for our clients. USEL operates as a social enterprise model, combining a strong social mission with business operations. The Employment Services division is dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities and/or health conditions in securing meaningful employment opportunities.

The Ability Cafés, established in 2018, are driven by a powerful mission: to empower local adults with disabilities through accredited onsite training in health and safety, food preparation, kitchen hygiene, and customer service. These cafés serve as a dynamic

platform for individuals to gain hands-on experience in the hospitality industry, equipping them with the skills and confidence to excel in their careers.

USEL requires a Supplier for the supply and delivery of ambient, fresh and chilled products for the Ability Cafes with locations across the Belfast and Greater Belfast Area.

Total value (estimated)

- £334,000 excluding VAT
- £400,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 December 2025 to 16 December 2028
- 3 years

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

CPD and the Buyer reserve the right to add or remove products / locations during the period of the contract to meet their operational needs.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15400000 - Animal or vegetable oils and fats
- 15500000 - Dairy products
- 15600000 - Grain mill products, starches and starch products
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 15900000 - Beverages, tobacco and related products

Submission

Enquiry deadline

7 November 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

17 November 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC1 - Quality Control	10.5 percent	Quality
AC2 - Delivery Arrangements	10.5 percent	Quality
AC3 - Contingency Arrangements	3 percent	Quality
AC4 - Contract Management	3 percent	Quality
AC5 - Supply Chain, Human Rights and Modern Slavery	3 percent	Quality
AC6 - Total Cost	70 percent	Cost

Weighting description

30 percent quality. 70 percent cost.

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDHG-1617-ZJJX

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Belfast

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Email: Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.usel.co.uk/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.