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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	Туре	
AC1 - Quality Control	10.5 percent	Quality	
AC2 - Delivery Arrangements	10.5 percent	Quality	
AC3 - Contingency Arrangments	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

182-188 Cambrai St,

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

Website: <a href="https://www.usel.co.uk/">https://www.usel.co.uk/</a>

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

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# **Contact organisation**

Contact <u>CPD - Supplies & Services Division</u> for any enquiries.