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Planning

Financial Management Solution for VG and GMI Schools and School Fees Management Solution for VG Schools

Education Authority

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

The closing date and time for submission of responses to this pre-market engagement exercise has been extended until 15:00 on Friday 31st October 2025.

Scope

Reference

EDIS-25-002

Description

This is not a tender exercise The Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) would like to invite participation in a Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) exercise to seek the views of the market for the provision of a Financial Management System in Voluntary Grammar and Grant Maintained Integrated Schools, and of a School Fees Management System for Voluntary Grammar Schools in Northern Ireland. The purpose of this PME exercise is for EANI to gain an understanding of the latest developments and innovative solutions available for school settings and will be used to assist EANI in gaining a better understanding of the feasibility of the requirements, the most appropriate procurement and operational approach, the capacity of the market to deliver the requirements and an opportunity for the market to highlight any possible risks or issues. This PME exercise also seeks to identify indicative costs to help inform the business case on the commercial aspects for the delivery and implementation of solution(s). For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase of the project and is not part of any formal procurement process and there is no commitment at this stage to carry out such a process. Any information gathered will not be considered in any future tender exercise. Please note that participation or non-participation in this PME exercise shall not prevent any supplier from participating in any future procurement process, nor is it intended that any information provided shall place any supplier at an advantage or disadvantage in any future procurement exercise. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from the documents section of the CfT on eTendersNI. Suppliers who wish to participate in the PME exercise must return the completed questionnaire via the messaging function of the CfT on eTendersNI no later than 15:00 on Friday 31st October 2025. As part of the PME exercise, participants may be invited to attend a follow-up session with EANI to explore and discuss the information provided in their response, this will be at the discretion of EANI.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2031
- Possible extension to 28 February 2036
- 9 years, 11 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48442000 - Financial systems software package
- 48812000 - Financial information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72212442 - Financial systems software development services

Contract locations

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 October 2025

Engagement process description

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Contracting authority

Education Authority

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland