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Award

Supply And Delivery of Pre Prepared Meals to the Education Authority

the Education Authority

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Scope

Reference

CAT-25-012

Description

Supply and delivery of Pre-Prepared Meals (Individual and Bulk) to school meals kitchens within Northern Ireland for a period of 5 years with the option to extend for a further two 12 month extension periods.

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/schoolsplus>

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

Further Education Colleges in NI : <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/further-educationfecolleges>

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 Pre-School Education Programme (PSEP)

Preliminary market engagement notice ocds-h6vhtk-04e889 was Published 28 February 2025, 10:25am

Contract 1. Supply And Delivery of Pre Prepared Meals to the Education Authority

Supplier

- HENDERSON FOODSERVICE LIMITED

Contract value

- £335,000 excluding VAT
- £402,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

27 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

27 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 5 November 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2030
- Possible extension to 30 November 2032
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for a further two 12 month extension periods

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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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

- 15894200 - Prepared meals
- 15894210 - School meals
- 15894300 - Prepared dishes

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

HENDERSON FOODSERVICE LIMITED

- Companies House: NI006894

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTDD-2623-PPYP

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Newtownabbey

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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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Contracting authority

the Education Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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United Kingdom

Email: catering.procure@eani.org.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland