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Planning

ID 5876374 - DFE – NWRC - NI FE Colleges – Provision, Development and Support of a Learner Management System and On-line Portal (PME)

North West Regional College

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Scope

Reference

ID 5876374

Description

The Further Education Sector in Northern Ireland, comprising of 6 Regional Colleges, is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to establish a contract with a Supplier for provision, development and Support of a Learner Management System and On-line Portal, as detailed in the Pre-Market Engagement documentation. The NI FE Colleges wish to engage with the market at this stage to; establish the level of market interest, understand the capacity of the market to deliver, understand any possible risks or issues that may not have been previously considered, gain insight to the market possibilities and potential innovative solutions, help define the requirements and to gather information that will be beneficial in the tendering process. Suitably qualified and experienced suppliers who may have an interest in this project are invited to complete the

questionnaire that is available to registered suppliers via the documents area of the CfT on eTendersNI for this Pre-Market Engagement. In responding, you should understand that detailed and lengthy submissions are not necessary at this stage. However, we would welcome any pertinent information on your company's capability and views on an approach to the provision of the required services. Any submission received in response to this exercise will not constitute a contractual agreement between the respondent and NWRC, NI FE Colleges. Interested parties shall bear their own costs of participation in this Market Engagement. NWRC, on behalf of the NI FE Colleges shall not be liable for the costs, expenses or losses howsoever arising (including, without limitation, any loss of profit or other economic loss incurred), regardless of the outcome of the Market Engagement. The next stage in the process will be considered once this exercise has been completed. ****PLEASE NOTE: ALL COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE MESSAGING FUNCTION on eTendersNI, within this CFT, BEFORE 3pm ON 10 DECEMBER 2025****

PLEASE NOTE: The Pre-Market Engagement Questionnaire can be accessed in the Cft Documents area

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2027 to 31 August 2032
- Possible extension to 31 August 2037
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services

- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 72212311 - Document management software development services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48311100 - Document management system
- 48422000 - Software package suites
- 48517000 - IT software package

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

10 December 2025

Engagement process description

If you wish to participate in the Contracting Authority's Preliminary Market Engagement for this requirement, a questionnaire for completion is available via eTendersNI under ID 5876374.

The questionnaire must be completed and submitted via eTendersNI by 3pm on the engagement deadline date detailed above.

Details of additional participating bodies can be found detailed within the questionnaire document found within the CFT Documents area within eTendersNI.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 November 2026

Contracting authority

North West Regional College

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRHT-9325-BBHZ

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Londonderry

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

Website: <https://www.nwrc.ac.uk/>

Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

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 and 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 and Services Division](#) for any enquiries.