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Tender

Tender for Play Area Works within the Borough of Ards and North Down

Ards and North Down Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Tenders are sought by Ards and North Down Borough Council for the provision of new and replacement play areas, and play area maintenance within the Borough area.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,100,000 excluding VAT
- £6,120,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council anticipates that the Contract will commence on 1 April 2026 initially for a two-year period, with the option to extend the contract for a further 3x 12-month periods, reviewed annually and subject to the successful provider meeting the required standards and performance requirements.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

As detailed in the tender documents, during the course of the contract, the successful contractors may be asked to carry out some externally funded play area refurbishments and/or new play area developments that fall under the scope of this contract. Council may use this contract to deliver specialist play provision outside of the skillset of traditional play equipment providers, for example (but not limited to) the provision of skateparks and pump tracks.

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45112723 - Landscaping work for playgrounds
- 50870000 - Repair and maintenance services of playground equipment
- 37535200 - Playground equipment
- 43325000 - Park and playground equipment
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 1

Lot 1. Northern Area

Description

Provision of new and replacement play areas, and play area maintenance within the Northern Area (as defined in the tender documents) of the borough of Ards and North Down.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,550,000 excluding VAT
- £3,060,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Southern Area

Description

Provision of new and replacement play areas, and play area maintenance within the Southern Area (as defined in the tender documents) of the borough of Ards and North Down.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,550,000 excluding VAT
- £3,060,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Northern Area

Lot 2. Southern Area

Insurances (Please see document A - Invitation to Tender for full details of the conditions of participation).

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Northern Area

Lot 2. Southern Area

a. Compliance with Marked Example's Minimum Requirements

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Northern Area

Lot 2. Southern Area

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

7 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted online via eTendersNI -
<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 March 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 November 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Assessment - Play Value	Please see Document A - Invitation to Tender for full details of this criterion.	Quality	50%
Technical Assessment - Design Concept	Please see Document A - Invitation to Tender for full details of this criterion.	Quality	15%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Cost - Predicted Year 1 Additional Costs	Please see Document A - Invitation to Tender for full details of this criterion.	Cost	15%
Social Value	Please see Document A - Invitation to Tender for full details of this criterion.	Quality	10%
Cost - New and Replacement Play Areas	Please see Document A - Invitation to Tender for full details of this criterion.	Cost	10%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Ards and North Down Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTTZ-3295-PYCW

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United Kingdom

Email: procurement@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Region: UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland