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Planning

## Pre-Market Engagement - Outdoor Learning Equipment

Education Authority

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## Scope

## Reference

FAE-25-008

## 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 Outdoor Learning Equipment for EA Outdoor Learning Centres and other educational establishments in NI. The primary purpose of this preliminary market engagement exercise is for the Education Authority (EA) to explain, and seek supplier views and feedback on, potential approaches for the supply and delivery of Outdoor Learning Equipment.

This Exercise will be used to assist EA in gaining a better understanding of the market/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 that may not have previously been considered.

Suppliers who wish to participate in the PME exercise must return the completed questionnaire via the messaging dunction of the CfT on eTendersNI no later than 3pm on Tuesday 9th December - further information including the questionnaire can be found under the CfT CA Unique ID EANI-5015 on eTendersNI.

At this stage, any information gathered through this Exercise will inform internal business planning and the development of the procurement strategy for any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise.

The EA reserves the right to require additional clarification information in relation to any responses provided by suppliers as part of this Exercise and, may, should it deem it necessary or appropriate, request a conversation/meet with one or more suppliers where such conversation/meeting is necessary to clarify the supplier's questionnaire responses. Such conversation/meeting would be limited to those questionnaire responses that require clarification.

For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase of the Programme and is not part of a formal procurement process.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2030

- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18200000 - Outerwear
- 18220000 - Weatherproof clothing
- 18230000 - Miscellaneous outerwear
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18444112 - Bicycle helmets
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 34430000 - Bicycles
- 34431000 - Non-motorised bicycles
- 34432000 - Parts and accessories for bicycles
- 34522000 - Pleasure and sporting boats
- 34522450 - Inflatable craft
- 34522550 - Canoes
- 37400000 - Sports goods and equipment
- 37410000 - Outdoor sports equipment
- 37412000 - Water-sports equipment

- 37412210 - Buoyancy compensators
- 37412260 - Wetsuits
- 37412300 - Surf and swim equipment and accessories
- 37414000 - Camping goods
- 37414600 - Camping or outdoor stoves
- 37423000 - Gymnastic ropes or rings or climbing accessories
- 39522500 - Textile camping goods
- 39525300 - Life jackets
- 18800000 - Footwear
- 18811000 - Waterproof footwear
- 18815000 - Boots
- 18823000 - Climbing boots

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

12 December 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Suppliers who wish to participate in the PME exercise must return the completed questionnaire via the messaging function of the CfT (CA Unique ID EANI-5015) on eTendersNI no later than 3pm on Friday 12th December 2025.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

5 January 2026

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Education Authority**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland