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Tender

ID 5828520 DfE - FE BMC - IT Security services

Belfast Metropolitan College
Southeastern Regional College (SERC)
Northwest Regional College (NWRC)
Northern Regional College (NRC)
Southwest College (SWC)
Southern Regional College (SRC)

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05f3b0

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Scope

Reference

ID 5828520

Description

Belfast Metropolitan College provides Further and Higher Education and vocational training to a student population in excess of 30,000 students. The College employs approximately 1000 plus staff comprising approximately 300 full-time teaching staff and 200 part-time teaching staff supported by approximately 500 non-teaching support staff. BMC's annual turnover is in excess of £55m. The current contract for an IT Security Partner is due to expire, and the college is acutely aware of the danger of cyber-attacks across the globe and requires the appointment of a security partner to fill the IT Security Partner role. The other NI-based FE colleges (Northern Regional College, Southern

Regional College, South-Eastern Regional College, North-Western Regional College, South-Western Regional College) have also expressed interest in availing of the services of the IT Security partner. Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables of this contract.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Total value (estimated)

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2029
- Possible extension to 31 January 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Following the initial contract period, there are two optional extension periods of up to 12 months each. Optional extension periods will be subject to review and satisfactory performance assessment by the Contracting Authority.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72800000 - Computer audit and testing services
- 72810000 - Computer audit services
- 72820000 - Computer testing services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 January 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

19 January 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 January 2026

Recurring procurement

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

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
AC6 Total Contract Price	Cost	50%

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AC1 Proposed Security Partner Experience	Quality	18%
AC2 Security Analysis and Improvement	Quality	10%
AC5 Social Value	Quality	10%
AC3 Incident Response	Quality	6%
AC4 Business Continuity	Quality	6%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authorities

Belfast Metropolitan College

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPTX-8572-NYCV

7 Queens Road

Belfast

BT3 9DT

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Southeastern Regional College (SERC)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHR-1413-WQYX

Castle Street

Lisburn

BT27 4SU

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Northwest Regional College (NWRC)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRHT-9325-BBHZ

78-80 Strand Road

Derry

BT48 7AL

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Northern Regional College (NRC)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCDC-7356-WJNZ

40 Farm Lodge Avenue

Ballymena

BT43 7DF

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN0F - Mid and East Antrim

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Southwest College (SWC)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJNR-3745-PPBV

Burn Road

Cookstown

BT80 8DN

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN0B - Mid Ulster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Southern Regional College (SRC)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBTJ-5492-VBGW

Lisnally Building

Armagh

BT61 7HF

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

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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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies and Services Division](#) for any enquiries.