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## **CRB Cunningham's Education Solutions Annual Cashless System Maintenance 2026/27**

The Education Authority NI

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ICT-25-024

### **Description**

This maintenance agreement is to ensure that cashless systems are provided with licencing and technical support during the next 12 months

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**Contract 1. ICT-25-0-24 CRB Cunningham's Education Solutions**

## **Annual Cashless System Maintenance 2026/27**

### **Supplier**

- [CRB CUNNINGHAMS LIMITED](#)

### **Contract value**

- £180,083.31 excluding VAT
- £216,099.97 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

30 December 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
- 1 year

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 50883000 - Repair and maintenance services of catering equipment
- 55524000 - School catering services

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Other information**

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

A working cashless catering system promotes inclusion, safety, and healthier choices by removing stigma, reducing risks, and streamlining mealtimes for children and young people. A system failure would impact on service delivery and a potential decline in meal numbers.

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

## Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The DAC is being requested to provide technical support and maintenance to a proprietary cashless system at 32 schools sites during the 12 months from the commencement date detailed on this request. As this is a proprietary system, it can only be technically supported and maintained by CRB Cunninghams. It is anticipated that any future systems include, warranty, support and maintenance and will therefore reduce the need for this type of DAC in the future. The current DAC for CRB Cunninghams ends on the 31st Dec 2025.

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## Supplier

### CRB CUNNINGHAMS LIMITED

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Email: [info@crbcunninghams.co.uk](mailto:info@crbcunninghams.co.uk)

Region: UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **The Education Authority NI**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHJ-6982-JPXY

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland