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Award

## **DFC - Disability and Work Branch - Wholesale Supplies for the Ability Cafes**

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL)

UK6: Contract award notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05ceed ([view related notices](#))

Published 18 December 2025, 2:45pm

## **Scope**

## **Reference**

ID 5988064

## **Description**

Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL) is an arms-length body of The Department of Communities. USEL provide a wide range of services to people with disabilities or health conditions. USEL exists solely to help people with disabilities and health related conditions move into and sustain employment. Every year we employ, support and train over 1200 people across Northern Ireland. USEL offers a range of learning programs to help people get into employment and offer support to employers for our clients. USEL operates as a social enterprise model, combining a strong social mission with business operations. The Employment Services division is dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities and/or health conditions in securing meaningful employment opportunities.

The Ability Cafés, established in 2018, are driven by a powerful mission: to empower local adults with disabilities through accredited onsite training in health and safety, food

preparation, kitchen hygiene, and customer service. These cafés serve as a dynamic platform for individuals to gain hands-on experience in the hospitality industry, equipping them with the skills and confidence to excel in their careers.

USEL requires a Supplier for the supply and delivery of ambient, fresh and chilled products for the Ability Cafes with locations across the Belfast and Greater Belfast Area.

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- HENDERSON FOODSERVICE LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £334,000 excluding VAT
- £400,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

18 December 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

18 December 2025

## **Standstill period**

- End: 31 December 2025
- 8 working days

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

7 January 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 7 January 2026 to 6 January 2029
- 3 years

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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CPD and the Buyer reserve the right to add or remove products / locations during the period of the contract to meet their operational needs.

## **CPV classifications**

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

**HENDERSON FOODSERVICE LIMITED**

- Companies House: NI006894
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTDD-2623-PPYP

1 Hightown Avenue

Newtownabbey

BT36 4RT

United Kingdom

Email: [HFLContracts@henderson-group.com](mailto:HFLContracts@henderson-group.com)

Website: <http://www.henderson-foodservice.com>

Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

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## Contracting authority

### **Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL)**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDHG-1617-ZJJX

182-188 Cambrai Street

Belfast

BT13 3JH

United Kingdom

Email: [Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### CPD - Supplies & 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-YWXY

Clare House, 303 Airport Road West

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## Contact organisation

Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.