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## Prior information notice

This notice is related to following:

- Directive 2014/24/EU  
 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046

This notice is for prior information only

This notice aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

This notice is a call for competition

*Interested operators must inform the contracting authority of their interest in the contract(s). The contract(s) will be awarded without publication of a further call for competition.*

### Section I: Contracting authority

#### I.1) Name and addresses <sup>1</sup> (please identify all contracting authorities responsible for the procedure)

Official name: <a href="#">Education Authority NI</a>		National registration number: <sup>2</sup>	
Postal address: <a href="#">Campsie House, 1 Hospital Road</a>			
Town: <a href="#">OMAGH</a>	NUTS code: <a href="#">UK</a>	Postal code: <a href="#">BT79 9NW</a>	Country: <a href="#">United Kingdom</a>
Contact person:		Telephone:	
E-mail: <a href="mailto:equipment.procure@eani.org.uk">equipment.procure@eani.org.uk</a>		Fax:	
<b>Internet address(es)</b>			
Main address: (URL) <a href="https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps">https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps</a>			
Address of the buyer profile: (URL) <a href="https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps">https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps</a>			

#### I.2) Joint procurement

<input type="checkbox"/> The contract involves joint procurement, In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body.
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#### I.3) Communication

<input type="radio"/> The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: (URL) <input type="radio"/> Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at: (URL)
Additional information can be obtained from <input checked="" type="radio"/> the abovementioned address <input type="radio"/> another address: (please provide another address)
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted <input type="checkbox"/> electronically via: (URL) <input type="radio"/> to the abovementioned address <input type="radio"/> to the following address: (please provide another address)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: (URL) <a href="https://etendersni.gov.uk/">https://etendersni.gov.uk/</a>

#### I.4) Type of the contracting authority

<input type="radio"/> Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions <input type="radio"/> National or federal agency/office <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regional or local authority	<input type="radio"/> Regional or local agency/office <input type="radio"/> Body governed by public law <input type="radio"/> European institution/agency or international organisation <input type="radio"/> Other type:
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**I.5) Main activity**

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| <input type="radio"/> General public services        | <input type="radio"/> Housing and community amenities  |
| <input type="radio"/> Defence                        | <input type="radio"/> Social protection                |
| <input type="radio"/> Public order and safety        | <input type="radio"/> Recreation, culture and religion |
| <input type="radio"/> Environment                    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Education             |
| <input type="radio"/> Economic and financial affairs | <input type="radio"/> Other activity:                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Health                         |  |

## Section II: Object<sup>3</sup>

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

<b>II.1.1) Title:</b> ** PRELIMINARY MARKET CONSULATION QUESTIONNAIRE - CLASSROOM FURNITURE**	Reference number: <sup>2</sup>
<b>II.1.2) Main CPV code:</b> 39160000      Supplementary VOC code: <sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>II.1.3) Type of contract</b> <input type="radio"/> Works <input checked="" type="radio"/> Supplies <input type="radio"/> Services	
<b>II.1.4) Short description:</b> The NI Education Authority (EA) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a Framework for the supply and delivery of Furniture for School Classrooms for an initial period of two years followed by two further optional extension periods of up to twelve months each. The potential scale and scope of this is such that it offers a significant opportunity to bidders. The EA wish to carry out pre-market engagement with interested suppliers to investigate the current market capabilities and gain knowledge about existing and future products which will assist the tender panel with the development of the tender documentation. This will ensure that existing and future requirements are met and will also provide procurement awareness for suppliers regarding EA's requirements for the purchase of these products. Any information gathered through this market consultation exercise may inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Should you wish to participate in this exercise please register and submit your completed questionnaire through the Messaging facility within the Call for Tender (CfT) on eTendersNI at the following link: - <a href="https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps">https:// etendersni.gov.uk/epps</a> The deadline is 3pm on 24th February 2021. If you require any further assistance please contact the eTendersNI Helpdesk on 0800 240 454 or email <a href="mailto:ni-eproc-helpdesk@eurodyn.com">ni-eproc-helpdesk@eurodyn.com</a> The date relating to the publication of the contract notice is tentative and may be subject to change. All future tender documentation will be made available via <a href="https://etendersni.gov.uk">https://etendersni.gov.uk</a> and potential tenderers should register on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when the tender is published	
<b>II.1.5) Estimated total value</b> Value excluding VAT: [ ]    Currency: <i>(for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of the framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system)</i>	
<b>II.1.6) Information about lots</b> This contract is divided into lots <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no Tenders may be submitted for <sup>12</sup> <input type="radio"/> all lots <input type="radio"/> maximum number of lots: <input type="radio"/> one lot only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 8 <input type="checkbox"/> The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:	



















## Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

### III.1) Conditions for participation

<p><b>III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers</b> <sup>12</sup></p> <p>List and brief description of conditions:</p>
<p><b>III.1.2) Economic and financial standing</b> <sup>12</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents</p> <p>List and brief description of selection criteria:</p> <p>Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: <sup>2</sup></p>
<p><b>III.1.3) Technical and professional ability</b> <sup>12</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents</p> <p>List and brief description of selection criteria:</p> <p>Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: <sup>2</sup></p>
<p><b>III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts</b> <sup>2</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The contract is reserved to sheltered workshops and economic operators aiming at the social and professional integration of disabled or disadvantaged persons</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes</p>

### III.2) Conditions related to the contract <sup>2</sup>

<p><b>III.2.1) Information about a particular profession</b> (<i>only for service contracts</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession</p> <p>Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:</p>
<p><b>III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:</b></p>
<p><b>III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract</p>

## Section IV: Procedure

### IV.1) Description

<p><b>IV.1.1) Type of procedure</b> <sup>5</sup></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Restricted procedure</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Competitive procedure with negotiation</p>
<p><b>IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system</b> <sup>5, 19</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Framework agreement with a single operator</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Framework agreement with several operators</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: <sup>2</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers</p> <p>In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:</p>
<p><b>IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction</b> <sup>12</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An electronic auction will be used</p> <p>Additional information about electronic auction:</p>
<p><b>IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)</b></p> <p>The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement <input checked="" type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no</p>

### IV.2) Administrative information

<p><b>IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest</b> <sup>5</sup></p> <p>Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)      Local time: (hh:mm)</p>
<p><b>IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:</b> <sup>1, 5</sup></p>
<p><b>IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures:</b>(dd/mm/yyyy) <sup>4, 5, 19</sup></p>

## Section VI: Complementary information

### VI.2) Information about electronic workflows <sup>5,19</sup>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic ordering will be used      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic invoicing will be accepted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic payment will be used       |

### VI.3) Additional information <sup>2</sup>

• Please note any interest shown at this stage does not constitute a commitment to participate in a procurement exercise, nor does it constitute any contractual agreement between the respondent and the EA. Failure to show interest does not restrict providers from participating in any future procurement exercise, nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any provider at an advantage or disadvantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase of the project and is not part of a formal procurement process. Respondents' views will not be individually identified or revealed to third parties outside of this project. All information provided in this exercise will be treated in confidence and will not be attributed to an individual organisation. • At this stage no commercial information is to be submitted nor are there any formal tender documents to be completed. In responding, you should understand that detailed and lengthy submissions are not necessary at this stage. Nonetheless, we welcome any pertinent information on your company's capability and views on the range of services required. Respondents' views will not be individually identified or revealed to third parties outside of this project. It is anticipated that the future tender documentation will be made available via the <http://etendersni.gov.uk> website during March 2021 and potential tenderers should register on this website to ensure they have access to tender documentation when the tender is published. The date relating to the publication of the contract notice is tentative and may be subject to change.

### VI.4) Procedures for review <sup>5,19</sup>

<b>VI.4.1) Review body</b>		
Official name:		
Postal address:		
Town:	Postal code:	Country:
E-mail:		Telephone:
Internet address: (URL)		Fax:
<b>VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures <sup>2</sup></b>		
Official name:		
Postal address:		
Town:	Postal code:	Country:
E-mail:		Telephone:
Internet address: (URL)		Fax:
<b>VI.4.3) Review procedure</b>		
Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:		
<b>VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained <sup>2</sup></b>		
Official name:		
Postal address:		
Town:	Postal code:	Country:
E-mail:		Telephone:
Internet address: (URL)		Fax:

### VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice: (dd/mm/yyyy) 16/02/2021

*It is the contracting authority's/contracting entity's responsibility to ensure compliance with European Union law and any applicable laws.*

<sup>1</sup> please repeat as many times as needed

<sup>2</sup> if applicable

<sup>3</sup> please repeat as many times as needed if this notice is for prior information only

<sup>4</sup> if this information is known

<sup>5</sup> please provide this information if the notice is a call for competition

<sup>6</sup> as far as information is already known

<sup>9</sup> please provide this information only if this notice is a prior information notice

<sup>12</sup> please provide this information here or in the invitation to confirm interest, if the notice is a call for competition or aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

<sup>19</sup> if the notice aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

<sup>20</sup> importance may be given instead of weighting

<sup>21</sup> importance may be given instead of weighting; if price is the only award criterion, weighting is not used