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# **EA Strategic Partner Services and Schools Management System Solution**

## **Education Authority**

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

**Main address**

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**Buyer's address**

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

EA Strategic Partner Services and Schools Management System Solution

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

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Special schools and EOTAS centres. The Strategic Partner will be required to deploy, support and manage a modern architecture, technical infrastructure and secure services for schools. These services will improve the learning experience of our young people, supporting teaching through technology, develop skills for the future and support the EA and its educational stakeholders to improve educational outcomes.

EA previously undertook pre-market engagement (in accordance with the Prior Information Notices 2022/S 000-000690 and 2022/S 000-000689, published in Find a Tender) to explain and seek supplier views and feedback on (inter alia) its potential approach to procuring and contracting the Strategic Partner services and SMS solution and services. EA has now decided to procure the Strategic Partner services and SMS solution and services as a single contract. EA will shortly embark on a tender process for this contract via the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation. It is currently anticipated that in addition to the period required to successfully complete the transition of services from the existing supplier to the new supplier, the contract will be for a maximum period of ten (10) years.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £406,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72500000 - Computer-related services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

#### **NUTS codes**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

18 March 2022

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes