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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="#">40 Academy Street</a>			
Town: <a href="#">Belfast</a>	NUTS code: <a href="#">UK</a>	Postal code: <a href="#">BT1 2NQ</a>	Country: <a href="#">United Kingdom</a>
Contact person:		Telephone:	
E-mail: <a href="mailto:pamela.rea@eani.org.uk">pamela.rea@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 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 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)

#### 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 type="radio"/> Regional or local authority	<input type="radio"/> Regional or local agency/office <input checked="" 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> *PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE* Online Payment Solution for The Education Authority	Reference number: <sup>2</sup>
<b>II.1.2) Main CPV code:</b> 72000000      Supplementary VOC code: <sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>II.1.3) Type of contract</b> <input type="radio"/> Works <input type="radio"/> Supplies <input checked="" type="radio"/> Services	
<b>II.1.4) Short description:</b> ** This is not a tender exercise by the Education Authority**. The Education Authority (EA) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a contract for an Online Payment Solution. The potential scale and scope of this is such that it offers a significant opportunity to bidders. The purpose of the pre-market consultation exercise is to gain an understanding of the latest developments and innovations in the provision of Online Payments Solutions as well as assisting EA to ensure that the most efficient and effective methods of providing Online Payments are procured. Prior to initiating the procurement, the EA wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process. At this stage, 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. Please note that participation or non-participation in this preliminary market consultation exercise shall not prevent any provider participating in any potential procurement process, 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. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CFT Documents. The questionnaire must be completed and returned via the Messaging function. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the questionnaire.	
<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 type="radio"/> yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: <input type="checkbox"/> The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:	

**II.2) Description <sup>1</sup> (1)**

<b>II.2.1) Title:</b> <sup>2</sup>	Lot No: <sup>2</sup>
<b>II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s):</b> <sup>2</sup> Main CPV code: <sup>1</sup> 48800000      Supplementary VOC code: <sup>1,2</sup> Main CPV code: <sup>1</sup> 48000000      Supplementary VOC code: <sup>1,2</sup> Main CPV code: <sup>1</sup> 48900000      Supplementary VOC code: <sup>1,2</sup>	
<b>II.2.3) Place of performance</b> NUTS code: <sup>1</sup> [UKN]      Main site or place of performance:	
<b>II.2.4) Description of the procurement:</b> The Education Authority (EA) is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process to award a contract for an Online Payments Solution. The potential scale and scope of this is such that it offers a significant opportunity to bidders. The purpose of the pre-market consultation exercise is to gain an understanding of the latest developments and innovations in the provision of Online Payment Solutions as well as assisting EA to ensure that the most efficient and effective methods of providing Online Payments are procured. Prior to initiating the procurement, the EA wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process. At this stage, 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. Please note that participation or non-participation in this preliminary market consultation exercise shall not prevent any provider participating in any potential procurement process, 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. Further information including the questionnaire can be downloaded from CFT Documents. The questionnaire must be completed and returned via the Messaging function. There are no formal tender documents to be completed other than the PME questionnaire. <i>(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)</i>	
<b>II.2.5) Award criteria:</b> <sup>12</sup> <input type="radio"/> Criteria below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Quality criterion <sup>1, 2, 20</sup></li> <li><input type="radio"/> Cost criterion <sup>1, 20</sup></li> <li><input type="radio"/> Price <sup>21</sup> - Weighting:</li> </ul> <input type="radio"/> Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents	
<b>II.2.6) Estimated value</b> <sup>2, 5, 6, 19</sup> Value excluding VAT: [ ]      Currency: <i>(for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of this lot)</i>	
<b>II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system</b> <sup>5, 6, 19</sup> Duration in months:    or    Duration in days: or Start: (dd/mm/yyyy)      / End: (dd/mm/yyyy) <input type="checkbox"/> This contract is subject to renewal Description of renewals:	
<b>II.2.10) Information about variants</b> <sup>12</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Variants will be accepted	
<b>II.2.11) Information about options</b> <sup>5, 6, 19</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Options Description of options:	
<b>II.2.13) Information about European Union funds</b> <sup>5, 19</sup> The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no Identification of the project:	
<b>II.2.14) Additional information:</b>	

**II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice:** <sup>9, 19</sup> (dd/mm/yyyy) 30/09/2022

## 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Electronic invoicing will be accepted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Electronic payment will be used |
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### VI.3) Additional information <sup>2</sup>

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.
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### 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) [25/08/2022](#)

*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