

DIRECT AWARD CONTRACTS (DAC'S)

CONTRACT NAME/DESCRIPTION	NATURE OF CONTRACT INCLUDING PURPOSE	CONTRACT VALUE (£)	CONTRACTOR / SUPPLIER	DATE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER APPROVAL	CONTRACT COMMENCEMENT	CONTRACT EXPIRY	REASON FOR DAC	Comments
Childcare Voucher Scheme	A tax free childcare voucher scheme.	£32,000 per annum	Employers for Childcare	05/05/2016	01/07/2016	26/03/2018	The new tax free childcare voucher has not yet been implemented by HMRC. CPD intend to put in place a collaborative contract on behalf of all public sector bodies when their contract expires on 26 March 2018.	
Manhattan Estates Management System	Service Charges for the Manhattan Estates Management System	£93,432	Trimble Navigation Ltd	03/06/2016	01/01/2016	31/12/2016	Trimble currently provides the software and systems support for the Manhattan Estates Management System which has been running for a number of years throughout the Region. This request is raised to cover the service and license costs incurred during 2016. These costs are not additional to planned spend for the period. As the system provider, the support and software upgrade can only be provided by Trimble.	
Annual subscription for practical health and safety advice	Annual subscription for practical health and safety advice to all EA schools excluding nursery and some special schools for Science, D&T and Art H&S	£41,449	CLEAPSS, The Gardiner Building, Brunel Science Park, Kingston Lane, Uxbridge UB8 3PQ	14/06/2016	01/04/2016	31/03/2017	CLEAPSS is the only supplier of this service. There is no alternative provider of this high quality comprehensive health and safety advice service to schools which is utilised by education authorities across the UK.	
Safe Practice: In Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity	Safe Practice: In Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity	£38,148	Coachwise Ltd Leeds	03/02/2017	22/02/2017	28/02/2017	EA will achieve best value for money by going directly to the publisher. DE has directed EA to purchase these books for all schools and are funding same.	
Service and Upgrade Charges for the Manhattan Estates Management System	Service and Upgrade Charges for the Manhattan Estates Management System	£365,000	TRIMBLE / Real Estate & Workplace Solutions	13/03/2017	01/01/2017	31/03/2020	Support and software can only be provided by Trimble.	
Purchase of Read & Write Software Licence	Purchase of Read & Write Software Licences for 75 Post Primary Schools in NI and Peripatetic Service Staff form Texthelp (Capital Funding) for 12 months	£160,000	Texthelp	22/03/2017	01/04/2017	31/03/2017	Texthelp Ltd is sole proprietor of the software and reserves exclusive authority to grant a licence to use of the software – to deliver personalised learning experience to pupils across the curriculum.	
Maintenance of Biometric Cashless Systems.	Maintenance agreement for the biometric cashless catering systems in 25 school meals kitchens within the Armagh and Omagh areas.	£70,000	Cunninghams Cash Registers Ltd	25/04/2017	01/01/2017	31/12/2017	This system is a proprietary system and cannot be maintained by another supplier. This maintenance agreement is required to ensure the effective operation of the system during the year. A system failure would impact on service delivery and a potential decline in school meal numbers.	
Annual CLEAPSS for science, D&T and Art H&S and practical advice to all EA schools excluding Nursery & Some Special Schools.	Annual CLEAPSS for science, D&T and Art H&S and practical advice to all EA schools excluding Nursery & Some Special Schools.	£44,374	CLEAPSS, Uxbridge	25/04/2017	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	CLEAPSS are the only supplier of this service. There is no alternative provider for this high quality, comprehensive health and safety advice service to schools, which is utilised by education authorities across the UK.	
Oracle Premier Support for the M10 Payroll Servers.	Oracle Premier Support for the M10 Payroll Servers. Oracle Premier Support provides essential support for the M10 Oracle payroll server.	£33,509	Northgate Arinso	28/04/2017	03/12/2018	03/12/2018	Oracle Premier Support provides essential support for the M10 Oracle payroll server. It was included as a support requirement when the M10 servers were procured in 2014. The original specification was agreed by the ELB IT Managers at the time. As the servers were purchased from NorthgateArinso, the support can only be provided by NorthgateArinso.	

Intermediate Safe Handling Accreditation	Delivery of Intermediate Safe Handling Accreditation for up to 82 participants.	£36,360	Team Teach Ltd	02/06/2017	23/06/2017	23/06/2017	Team Teach was appointed by the DE in 2003 as the appropriate organisation for the delivery of training. In 2003 the five ELB's reviewed available training solutions and identified Team Teach Ltd the most appropriate training solution for children in schools and special schools.	
Radon Detection Monitors	Purchase of Radon Detection Monitors, measurement and provision of results and reports (test kits).	£101,320	Health Protection Agency, Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, Chilton, Didcot, OXON	05/07/2017	01/09/2017	31/08/2018	Radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive gas which is present in buildings across defined geographical areas of Northern Ireland. Radon seeps into buildings and continued exposure presents a significant risk to health to determine the potential concentrations necessary to carry out environmental monitoring and due to employers duties (Health & Safety at Work NI Order 1978; The Management of Health & Safety Workplace Regulations NII 1999; Ionising Radiation Regulations NI 2000). All EA Offices to be checked.	
Duke of Edinburgh Award Packs	Duke of Edinburgh Award Packs for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.	£133,000	The Award Scheme Ltd	26/07/2017	01/09/2017	31/08/2018	Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) packs must be purchased directly from the DofE Award Office. As EA has a 3 year agreement with DofE to service the Award for registered Youth Groups and Schools across Northern Ireland, EA must purchase these directly as no other provider is in place.	
Home to School Bus Tender Additional Bus Routes required	The value of which exceeds that prescribed in accordance with EU Tender Regulations.	£50,000	E Rooney Coaches; Davison Coaches; MD Coaches; Jerome McCarthy; Eurocoaches NI Ltd Dungannon; J & K Coaches Cookstown	22/09/2017	01/09/2017	30/11/2017	To meet the statutory obligations for the award of Home to School Transport for the 2017/18 school year, there is a requirement for additional bus routes. Given the timescale required for the tender process, it would not be possible to meet service delivery and therefore a DAC is required for a three month period.	
Supply of Full Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Service for approximately 45 buses in the Cookstown, Dungannon and Enniskillen Areas	The Authority has a legal obligation to ensure its vehicles are maintained in a roadworthy condition.	£110,000	Gerard Lyttle & Sons RK Trucks Astec Motors	22/09/2017	22/09/2017	31/01/2018	Across the Authority there is insufficient in-house resources to safely maintain all vehicles as required, and this direct award is required to ensure vehicles are maintained until a full tender exercise is completed by 31 January 2018 for the provision of additional vehicle maintenance services across the areas listed.	
Home to School Taxi Contract including Wheelchair accessible taxis	Transportation of pupils to and from school by taxi service for the Armagh area to meet the Authority's statutory obligation to provide this service.	£700,000	34 Contractors	27/09/2017	01/09/2017	31/12/2017	Further to the implementation of a framework of taxi operators across the Belfast and Armagh areas the Authority has been unable to award contracts in Armagh. To meet statutory obligations for the transportation of pupils by taxi services for 2017-18 school term to end of December 2017 an extension of contracts 51078 & 51079 is required which will allow sufficient time to complete the award process.	
ABRSM Exam Board Entries for the School of Music in Belfast	The exams will take place 3 times in a school academic year (autumn, spring and summer). School of Music have chosen this exam board as it is in line with the prospectus that they follow for the particular instrument being studied.	£40,000	ABRSM	27/10/2017	27/10/2017	31/08/2018	the Atlantic Philanthropies have specifically stated that Professor Mark Hatfield and Dr Andrew Morley should be involved in the delivery of this project. Their expertise, in this field, is recognised across other UK Jurisdictions and their input will help ensure the new network will be supported and developed accordingly.	
Maintenance of Biometric Cashless Systems	Maintenance agreement for the biometric cashless catering systems in 32 school meals kitchens.	£90,000.00 approx	Cunninghams Cash Registers Ltd	05/01/2018	01/01/2018	31/12/2018	The cashless system is a proprietary system and cannot be maintained by another supplier.	

Provision of Payroll and HR Computer Systems	On-going licenses and support for the Northgate HR/Payroll software currently used by the EA for non-teaching staff and DE for teaching staff	£3,244,066	NorthgateArinso UK Ltd	30/01/2018	01/04/2018	31/03/2021	No alternative supplier would be able to provide the required service within the timescale. Procurement already completed for replacement system, the issue is the implementation timetable. The annual payments under a 5 year contract will be £638,225, the penalty payment for cancellation after 3 years will be £271,086 and after 4 years will be £361,448. The annual cost of a 3 year contract would be £728,587. The expectation is that 3 years will be sufficient to migrate all payrolls to the replacement system.	
Renewal of Licensing of a video streaming, video on demand and digital signage system.	EA.TV is the Education Authority television production unit. The system was procured to meet the needs of EA.TV for both live streaming and on-demand access. The system also provides Digital Signage Facilities. The system also provides facilities to reord and archive Freeview television broadcasts.	£30,787	Planet Enterprises Ltd	02/02/2018	01/03/2018	28/02/2023	Changing the system to an alternative cannot be carried out for economic and technical reasons. Existing content will not work with any other vendors.	
Delivery of 2 Residential Based Training Programmes for the 8 Fresh Start Areas Across NI	The training will develop the initiative and ensure schools and youth groups dealing with the effects of paramilitary activity are appropriately trained. The programme is innovative in that youth workers and teachers are working with the same cohort of young people across NI and the training will develop common methodologies.	£36,000	Reclaiming Youth at Risk	23/02/2018	26/02/2018	16/03/2018	The qualification meets the requirements of the Youth Curriculum for Social and Personal Development and is unique in this aspect due to the flexibility of the modules and the delivery mechanisms and is the only one of its kind. The Northern Ireland Office identified the 'Reclaiming Youth at Risk' model to EA Youth Service to deliver this programme of work.	
OCNNI Registration Fees	The qualification is offered to young people participating in the Learning Together Programme in partnership with schools and the Youth Service which has been in operation for the last 3 years, and allows them to achieve a GCSE equivalent certificate.	£50,000	Open College Network NI	01/03/2018	01/03/2018	31/08/2019	This contract was a direct award because it is registration fees to gain the nationally recognised accreditation (Certificate in Personal Success and Wellbeing) after 2 years.	
The Provision of 35 No. Orbio Satellite and Pump Systems	There are currently a number of Orbio Generator machines used by the Building Cleaning Service in larger schools. These machines produce environmentally friendly, effective cleaning/disinfecting solutions replacing the cleaning chemicals currently in use. The purchase of the Orbio Satellite and Pump Systems are essential as it boosts the water pressure/flow to the required level for effective operation of the Generator system and also provides the flexibility to dispense the cleaning and disinfecting solutions throughout the school building. This results in a much more efficient use of the cleaning staff's time and results in high standards of cleanliness within the school environment. The Orbio Satellite and Pump System are necessary accessories to the on-site generator which is currently available on contract.	£43,750	Carey Cleaning Machines Ltd	13/03/2018	16/03/2018	31/03/2018	It's clear from the regulated tender competition which was published throughout the EU in September 2016 that Carey Cleaning Machines LTD is the only provider of the equipment that can successfully deliver on the specified requirements. It's clear that the additional accessories are the only compatible options. This Direct Award Contract will not unfairly disadvantage any other supplier.	
Group Tuition Package for 7 Members of Internal Audit Staff	In order to comply with the PSIAS (Public Sector Internal Auditing Standards) all staff must have or obtain the necessary skills, qualifications and competencies required to effectively carry out their duties. The tuition and subsequent exams will lead to staff on successful completion obtaining a recognised professional qualification in Internal Audit (Certified Internal Auditor) and ensure that the Education Authority Internal Audit Service continues to meet its regulatory requirements and deliver an effective audit service.	£43,981	Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors (CIA)	13/03/2018	01/04/2018	31/03/2021	This contract was a direct award because The Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors, as the industry regulatory body, are the only provider of the training package which must be undertaken to obtain the qualification.	

Annual membership/subscription to CLEAPSS for Science, Design & Technology and Art.	CLEAPSS provides health and safety and curriculum support and practical advice to all EA schools, excluding Nursery and some Special Schools in relation to teaching pupils in the subjects mentioned. This annual membership enables the EA to discharge its responsibilities as the employer under the Health and Safety at Work Act and subsequent Regulations in relation to activities carried out in these specialist curriculum areas.	£48,294	CLEAPSS	30/04/2018	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	CLEAPSS is the only supplier of this service. There is no alternative provider of this high quality, comprehensive health and safety advice service to schools. CLEAPSS provides this service to education authorities across the United Kingdom.
The provision of Duke of Edinburgh Award Packs, JAI Packs, Handbooks and Guides	Duke of Edinburgh Awards Packs for Gold, Silver and Bronze, JAI Packs and Duke of Edinburgh Handbooks and Expedition Guides (1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019)	£150,000	The Award Scheme Ltd	12/06/2018	01/07/2018	30/06/2019	Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) packs must be purchased directly from the DofE Award Office. As EA has a 3 year agreement with DofE to service the Award for registered Youth Groups and Schools across Northern Ireland, EA must purchase these directly as no other provider is in place.
Upgrade of EA Solicitors Practice and Case Management System	Upgrade of existing EA Solicitors Case Management System from Opsis Case Manager (Opsis) to Advanced Law Business (ALB) and extension of system to EA Claims and Insurance unit. Both systems provided by Advanced Legal Solutions Ltd. Upgrade will involve project management ; software installation & configuration; data migration services; and training. Currently 19 users (EA Solicitors) -proposal to extend to Claims and Insurance unit (additional 9 users) with a view to ensuring conformity across Legal Services, heightened risk management /supervision as well facilitating better reporting to Finance etc.	£55,000.00	Advanced Legal Solutions	23-Oct-18	01-Dec-18	30-Nov-23	Existing Opsis software utilised by EA Solicitors very dated (installed 2001) and will no longer be supported by supplier once EA Solicitors moves to Windows 10 and Office 2016 as required by EA. Head of Legal Services highly concerned at sheer volume of data (much of it sensitive / special category) requiring to be migrated from Opsis to a new case management system and risk of loss, damage , data breach etc if migration not properly effected. This would impact on current case files and archived files. Due diligence enquiries with Senior Partner in private practice who has utilised Opsis and upgraded to ALB and subsequently on his recommendation with independent IT consultant with experience of IT requirements in legal sector indicate that upgrading from Opsis to ALB and not entering into new arrangement with another case management software provider offers only real guarantee of risk free migration of data held by EA Solicitors.
Oracle Premier Support	Oracle Premier Support	£47,625.91	Capita IT & Networks	28-Nov-18	04-Dec-18	31-Mar-21	Without this support arrangement being in place Oracle will not guarantee the database and hence the Payrolls for the Authority to pay it's employees. The DAC is due to co-terminate with the completion of the move to a new HR & Payroll System should this not be fully in place then the DAC would need to be renewed on an Annual Basis.
TRANMAN upgrade	School Transport Fleet database upgrade/merge	£92,230.00	Civica	14-Dec-18	17-Dec-18	31-Mar-19	Proprietary system in place and source code belongs to Civica. Only Civica can support this system. To minimise risk and facilitate regional delivery of the service it is appropriate to merge existing databases into one and upgrade to latest version.