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Contract

## **Vale Academy Trust - Catering Services**

Vale Academy Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02cb64

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Vale Academy Trust

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Wantage

OX12 9AU

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+44 1256467107

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.vale-academy.org/>

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

Other type

Educational Institute

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Vale Academy Trust - Catering Services

Reference number

MPN-10189

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55524000 - School catering services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Vale Academy Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service. The services at the Trust schools are currently all in-house. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. There is one Secondary School and six Primary Schools out for tender of their catering services. Across the Trust schools in this tender there are currently 3,278 pupils on roll for the academic year 2020/2021. Of this figure, 712 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 442 to Free School Meals/Sixth Form Bursary. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. All members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £4,363,438

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation.

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Vale Academy Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service for seven of their eight schools in the Trust. The services at these Trust schools are currently all in-house. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of morning break at one sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. There is one Secondary School and six Primary Schools out for tender of their catering services. Across the Trust schools in this tender there are currently 3,278 pupils on roll for the

academic year 2020/2021. Of this figure, 712 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 442 to Free School Meals/Sixth Form Bursary. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. All members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation. The Trust is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing. The Trust is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of 3 years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of 5 years.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-017398](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

Vale Academy Trust

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

16 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Edwards and Ward Ltd

The Old Stables, Whitehill Road

Crowborough

TN6 1JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £3,490,058

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,363,438

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

CPV code 55524000-9, falls within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as a Social and Other Specific Service, therefore the procurement procedure is governed by Section 7 of Part 2 (Regulations 74-77) of those Regulations.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Vale Academy Trust incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court

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