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Award

Ivy Education Trust Provision of Catering Services

IVY EDUCATION TRUST

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Scope

Reference

IET01.38

Description

This tender opportunity was been issued by Ivy Education Trust ("the Trust"). The contract will be for the provision of a catering service to the Trust. The tender was split into Lots:

Lot 1: Outsourced Catering Provision

Lot 2: Managed Catering Service

Tenderers were able to bid for one or both Lots and the Trust will award to either Lot 1 or Lot 2. The Contractor will provide a high-quality service, whilst delivering value for money for the school, parents and pupils using the services to the to the Trust's 5 primary schools and 3 secondary schools.

Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 Outsourced Catering Service

Description

The Trust is seeking a Contractor to provide a high-quality service, whilst delivering value for money for the school, parents and pupils using the Services. The Contract will include all food and staff provision to support the delivery of the service requirement.

Contract 1. Provision of Catering Services

Lots

Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 Outsourced Catering Service

Supplier

- FRESHA LIMITED

Contract value

- £7,000,000 excluding VAT

- £8,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

17 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 14 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 1 April 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

2 further 1 year extensions

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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To enable new schools to be added to the Contract if they join the Trust.

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKK4 - Devon

Information about tenders

Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 Outsourced Catering Service

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Unsuccessful suppliers

- [ASPENS-SERVICES LIMITED](#)
- [INNOVATE SERVICES LIMITED](#)

Lots that will not be awarded

Lot LOT-0002. Lot 2 Managed Catering Service

Description

7. The Trust is seeking a Contractor to support the Trust with providing a high-quality service, whilst delivering value for money for the school, parents and pupils using the Services. The Contract will include all food and management staff provision to deliver the managed service model, with the employment of the catering staff remaining with the Trust. The contract value for this Lot incorporates the Management Fee and Food Costs

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Date of decision not to award

17 December 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

ASPENS-SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 06561073
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJZY-1355-VRGY

International House 10 Beaufort Court

London

E14 9XL

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.aspens-services.co.uk>

Region: UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

FRESHA LIMITED

- Companies House: 04608026
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQBB-3838-WTHZ

23 Bittern Road

Exeter

EX2 7LW

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@fresha.org

Website: <http://www.fresha.org>

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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INNOVATE SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 06420662
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNYZ-2989-TBLQ

St Andrews House

Woking

GU21 6EB

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.impactfood.co.uk>

Region: UKJ25 - West Surrey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

IVY EDUCATION TRUST

- Companies House: 07519888
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTGV-4879-MXYD

Teignmouth Community School

Teignmouth

TQ14 9HZ

United Kingdom

Email: operations@ivyeducationtrust.co.uk

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

PHP LAW LLP

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Advisor

- Companies House: OC429243
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPRM-9434-VNYQ

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TQ9 5RW

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Contact organisation

Contact PHP LAW LLP for any enquiries.