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## **Bridge Schools ~ Catering Tender**

Bridge Schools

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03978c

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

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

Bridge Schools

Bridge Schools Trust,, 21 Callywith Gate, Bodmin

Cornwall

PL31 2RQ

#### **Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1276673880

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.bridgeschools.co.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/??notice-title??/7FB3SEEX99>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

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**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55524000 - School catering services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for Bridge Schools.

Bridge Schools is a multi-academy trust, located across Cornwall, comprising of the following 14 Primary Schools:

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,376,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Main site or place of performance

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

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

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for Bridge Schools.

Bridge Schools is a multi-academy trust, located across Cornwall, comprising of the following 14 Primary Schools:

1. Blisland Primary Academy
2. Brunel Primary & Nursery Academy
3. Darite Primary Academy
4. Delaware Primary Academy
5. Duloe C of E School
6. Gunnislake Primary Academy
7. Lanlivery Primary Academy

8.Looe Primary Academy

9.Pelynt Primary Academy

10.Polperro Primary Academy

11.Polruan Primary Academy

12.St CLeer Primary Academy

13.Trenode C of E School

14.Wadebridge Primary Academy

More information regarding the Trust can be found on their website:

<https://www.bridgeschools.co.uk/>

The contract covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the Trust, which also includes all hospitality and free issue requirements.

The duration of the contract being offered is for an initial three-year period commencing on 01 September 2023, with the potential to extend for a further two 12-month periods. This extension will be granted by mutual consent and on the same terms and conditions as the original contract without the right to further extend beyond the full five years.

The contract being offered within this tender will be on a guaranteed performance basis, with an expected profit share of any betterment to the agreed budget.

Bridge Schools are seeking a suitably experienced education catering contractor who is able to evidence working with Primary Schools. An existing presence within the Southwest would be beneficial although not essential for organisations looking to expand into the region. The successful contractor will already have or need to develop a strong operational base within the vicinity, thus allowing for both adequate contract support and operational flexibility that is to be delivered to support the contract as and when needed moving forwards into this contractual term.

The Trust is a determined community of schools and teams, who know the power of working together. Through central support, individual spirit and a sharing culture, they navigate every challenge to put learning first. Providing a healthy, nutritious meal for children will supporting their learning and provide active minds throughout their school journey. The Trust are looking to develop a partnership with their catering supplier to not only provide these meals, but to help educate students on their journey through Primary School.

The services across the Schools are largely outsourced, although some Schools are operated inhouse currently, and TUPE is expected to apply. A number of the current employees are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and, in this instance, the successful contractor will be expected to gain Admitted Body Status (ABS) in order to continue contributing to the scheme.

The School wishes to achieve as a result of this tender process:

- 1.The provision of a healthy, balanced menu that meets nutritional guidelines and is enjoyed by all users of the service. This menu should be inclusive of those with special dietary requirements.
- 2.An enhanced range of freshly made food and beverage items that are appealing to students, parents and staff alike.
- 3.An innovative and flexible menu that is in keeping with traditional Cornish fare and current food trends. Offering frequent themed menus and initiatives that support the curriculum and various school led activities, ensuring the food offer remains varied and enticing to its customers.
- 4.All meals should be based on the use of fresh ingredients and bakery products, making use of the abundant, local supply chain within Cornwall.

Please see SQ Document for further information

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,376,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 September 2023

End date

31 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A minimum of 5 suppliers and a maximum of 10 suppliers will be taken forward to the tender stage of the process. Where less than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the tender stage. Where more than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the tender stage.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

17 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

It will be the supplier's responsibility to obtain any necessary documents in order to submit a response by the closing date and time.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this contract notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time.

The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity.

The contracting authority will consider variant bids, evaluating them (so far as the variant or the evaluation of the variant is in the opinion of the contracting authority practicable) on the same basis as a conforming bid, but shall not be obliged to accept any such bid in preference to a conforming bid even if the variant bid scores more highly. No variant will be considered unless the bidder simultaneously submits a conforming bid.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Cornwall:-School-catering-services./7FB3SEEX99>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/7FB3SEEX99>

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

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

Bridge Schools



Cornwall

Country

United Kingdom