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Contract

Attenborough Learning Trust - Outsourced Catering Service

Attenborough Learning Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049d57

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Attenborough Learning Trust

Leicester

LE2 0UU

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://attenboroughlearningtrust.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43212

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Attenborough Learning Trust - Outsourced Catering Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Trust is seeking a Contractor that will deliver an Outsourced Catering Service for this contract 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 catering services requirement.

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: £5,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF21 - Leicester

Main site or place of performance

School sites across Attenborough Learning Trust

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust is seeking a Contractor that will deliver an Outsourced Catering Service for this contract to provide a quality service, whilst delivering value for money for the school, parents and pupils using the Services.

There are a mixture of production kitchens and dining centres.

The Contract will include all food and staff provision to support the delivery of the outsourced catering service.

School meals matter. It has been well documented that children who eat nutritious meals every day and lead active lifestyles tend to excel. The Trust recognise that their schools are on the frontline of efforts to improve childhood nutrition and our collective health. Improving the meals that our pupils eat in schools is an important step to achieve that goal.

The Trust and its schools are located in an area of deprivation. Nutritious meals are vital for deprived school children due to their profound impact on physical health, cognitive development, and overall well-being. For children from disadvantaged backgrounds, access to healthy food can be limited, making school meals a critical source of nutrition. It is therefore of the utmost importance to the Trust that pupils receive a hot meal that is

both nutritious and of a suitable portion size to enable them to fulfil their potential.

There is a requirement to provide HMC unstunned meat in some of the schools, therefore it will be a mandatory requirement that the contractor can deliver this.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract is with Leicester City Council, who have given notice to end their contract on the 31st March 2025. The new contract will deliver the onsite aspect of the mobilisation over a weekend as Leicester Council will finish on Friday 28th March, with the new service starting Monday 31st March. Two schools with County will start Sep 25

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aspens Services Ltd

Ground Floor, Teme House, Whittington

Worcester

WR5 2RY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

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publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Telephone

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Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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

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