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Tender

Three Primary Schools in Leicester - Catering contracts

Evington Valley Primary School
Parks Primary School
St John the Baptist CoE (Aided) Primary School

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Scope

Description

Three primary schools are seeking to appoint new catering contractors for August 2026, following the closure of Leicestershire Traded Services catering department.

The schools are collaborating during the procurement process to find new providers, while retaining their right to appoint and contract to their chosen suppliers individually, although they may be open to further collaboration, should the offers be attractive.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,200,000 excluding VAT
- £2,640,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- Possible extension to 31 July 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Each school may award contract extensions as 2 x 12 month periods, subject to all parties agreeing in writing.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester
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Lot 1. Evington Valley Primary School

Description

Primary School catering contract - There is a kitchen on the school premises.

Lot value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £720,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Parks Primary School

Description

Primary School catering services. The school has a kitchen on the premises

Lot value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £720,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. St John the Baptist Primary School

Description

Primary School Catering Contract - the school has a kitchen on the premises

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Evington Valley Primary School

Lot 2. Parks Primary School

Lot 3. St John the Baptist Primary School

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

12 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All submissions are to be made via the Bidiful App.

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app/p/aceadvice>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 June 2026

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Quality | Quality | 70% |
| Price | Price | 30% |

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The three schools are collaborating for the purposes of the tender, and have reserved the right to appoint their chosen supplier individually.

The procedure will consist of four distinct stages, allowing for an initial assessment of interested suppliers. Suppliers will be evaluated against the specific objectives of the new contract through the following stages:

- Selection Stage and Shortlisting
- Invitation to Tender (ITT) and Shortlisting for Presentation
- Presentation of Proposal to the Authority
- Reference Checking

The evaluation of the shortlisting process will be based on the information submitted by the bidding companies. A shortlist of suppliers will be compiled, with the 4 highest-scoring submissions invited to progress to the subsequent stage of the procurement process.

Only those companies that are selected and formally notified will be invited to submit a response during the ITT stage.

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app/p/aceadvice>

Documents for this tender will be available by contacting Dave Croshaw.

They will be made available via the Bidiful App

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Contracting authorities

Evington Valley Primary School

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGWJ-5844-PMNM

Evington Valley Road

Leicester

LE5 5LL

United Kingdom

Email: office@evingtonvalley.leicester.sch.uk

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Parks Primary School

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYJC-6371-BQVY

1 Gillman Road

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LE3 9NS

United Kingdom

Email: adoyle@parks.leicester.sch.uk

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

St John the Baptist CoE (Aided) Primary School

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 8563431
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVCQ-9892-BTPT

East Avenue

Leicester

LE2 1TE

United Kingdom

Email: mgreen@st-john.leicester.sch.uk

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

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.

ACE ADVICE LTD

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Support

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