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Contract

Kingfisher Learning Trust ~ Catering Tender

Kingfisher Learning Trust
Kingfisher Special School
Halcyon Way School
Medlock Valley Primary School
Littlemoor Primary School
Blackshaw Lane Primary & Nursery School
Cromwell High School

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Oldham

OL9 9QR

Email

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Country

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Internet address(es)

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I.1) Name and addresses

Halcyon Way School

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Medlock Valley Primary School

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Oldham

OL8 2PN

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.medlockvalley.oldham.sch.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Littlemoor Primary School

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OL42RR

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.littlemoor.oldham.sch.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Blackshaw Lane Primary & Nursery School

Blackshaw Lane, Heyside, Royton

Oldham

OL2 6NT

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.1) Name and addresses

Cromwell High School

Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield

Tameside

SK16 5BJ

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United Kingdom

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UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cromwell.tameside.sch.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Kingfisher Learning Trust ~ Catering Tender

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 all the schools within the Kingfisher Learning Trust. The Trust comprises of six schools providing education for a mix of Primary and Secondary aged pupils. The Trust is growing and is currently mid-way through adding a seventh school.

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: £2,857,021

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Main site or place of performance

Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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

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The duration of the contract being offered is three years commencing on 1st April 2025 and concluding on 31st March 2028 and will be on a guaranteed performance basis offering a fixed annual return and or subsidy to the Trust. There will be the option to extend the contract for a further term excluding the right to further extend for a further term of three years.

It is expected that the successful contractor will have experience in the requirements of the Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards & Requirements) for both Primary and Secondary pupils. The Trust would like to work with a partner who has previous experience of catering within SEN establishments.

The tender project is seeking to appoint a Contractor whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of all catering services within the schools. The high-quality service levels proposed, should maintain excellent standards throughout, resulting in a new food service offer with consistent high standards of food operations within the school.

Regular customer and parental engagement will be required to ensure this is the case moving into the contract term.

These new standards of operation should meet the needs of the pupils' moving forwards into this contract term. The current range of foods needs to be expanded along with the service provision. It is one of the objectives of this tender that the successful contractor will utilise the local supply chain and farming "belt" in Greater Manchester to source all fresh produce, namely being:

Bakery Products

Meat

Fruit and Vegetables

Dairy Products

As you can appreciate, working with the local community is something that the school strives to do at all times and to this end we would like to ensure that all your fresh produce is sourced from local suppliers (within a 20-mile radius of the Trust locations):

The Kingfisher Learning Trust also seeks to ensure that the catering operation will have the following objectives from 1st April 2025:

1. The provision of a healthy balanced menu that meets nutritional guidelines and is enjoyed by our students.
2. A focus on dietary requirements to ensure that all pupils can have access to a healthy and tasty meal.
3. Better value for money to be provided ensuring that the students are consistently provided with a quality meal with reasonable portion sizes.
4. Offer of a variety of food options suitable for ages ranging from 3 – 18 and pupils with specific dietary requirements.
5. A series of theme days are organised and run throughout the year with an exciting and robust marketing plan.
6. The successful contractor's management team show a real interest in the schools and its students moving into this contract term.
7. A clear plan working alongside the school for reaching net zero carbon emissions.

8. Clear and transparent accounting.

The successful contractor is expected to maximise the use of all catering facilities through the adoption and employment of effective marketing policies and techniques. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to develop specific marketing proposals to encourage a healthy approach to eating.

The terms and conditions of employment and recognition offered to the catering team should be both progressive and forward thinking ensuring that the staffing establishment is complete at all times and staff turnover is kept to a minimum.

The Multi Academy Trust is expected to grow in the number of schools becoming part of the trust during this contract period.

Please see SQ document for more information

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Please note, this is a Contract Award Notice, this contract has already been awarded..

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.2.1) 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

20 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aspens Services Ltd

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Whittington

WR5 2RY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

National registration number

06561073

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,562,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,857,021

Section VI. Complementary information

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.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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