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Tender

Embrace Multi Academy Trust - Provision of Outsourced Catering Service

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PHP Law LLP

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Scope

Reference

EMMAT01.16

Description

This tender opportunity has been issued by Embrace Multi Academy Trust (“the Trust”). The proposed contract will be for the provision of Outsourced Catering Service (“the Service”) to the Trust. 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. The Contract will start on Saturday 1st August 2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 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:

Two further one year extensions (3+1+1)

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

To include additional schools

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services
- 55520000 - Catering services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire
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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

A financial appraisal will be based upon a credit check. Insurances Employer Liability £10m Public Liability - £10m Product Liability - £2m

Technical ability conditions of participation

Provide 3 relevant previous contract examples To constitute a pass, the contract examples provided shall be relevant to the requirement, with a sufficient level of detail that provides confidence in the Tenderer's established past experience in similar and relevant projects/contracts. The contracts must be within the education sector and similar complexity and working on more than one site within the contract.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 February 2026, 12:00am

Tender submission deadline

26 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=101106&TID100106347&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 April 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 13 January 2031

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Guaranteed Position Assessment	Guaranteed Position Assessment	Cost	30.0%
Proposed Service Model	Quality	Quality	12.5%
Menu Planning & Development	Quality	Quality	10.0%
Guaranteed Position Approach	Guaranteed Position Approach	Cost	10.0%
Food Offering	Quality	Quality	7.5%
Allergy Management	Quality	Quality	7.5%
Service Model Case Study	Quality	Quality	5.0%
Contractor Staff	Quality	Quality	5.0%
Contract Management	Quality	Quality	5.0%
Account Management	Quality	Quality	2.5%
Contract Mobilisation & Risk Management	Quality	Quality	2.5%
Sustainability	Quality	Quality	2.5%

Other information

Payment terms

One invoice per month Invoicing for UIFSM & FSM based on actual meals taken, broken down by school

Description of risks to contract performance

Financial Inflation and Rising Costs: Food price inflation, energy bills, and wage increases. Caterers locked into long-term contracts may struggle to remain profitable, risking service quality or contract withdrawal. Staffing Challenges Recruitment Difficulties: Shortages of skilled catering staff, especially in rural or low-income areas. Difficulty attracting and retaining staff due to limited pay and benefits. Training Gaps: Inadequate training in food safety, allergens, and safeguarding can lead to compliance issues. Reputational and Compliance Risks Non-compliance with School Food Standards can

result in reputational damage and regulatory scrutiny. Non-compliance with the tender specification or compliance requirement

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

The justification is that the requirements are not complex, or niche and the Contracting Authority already has an understanding of what they want the service to deliver and the market is known.

Contracting authorities

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