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Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust - Catering Services

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F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04de4a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.demat.org.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/minervapcs.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/minervapcs.aspx/Home>

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Education Institute

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust - Catering Services

Reference number

MPN-10319

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service. The services at the Trust schools are a mix of in-house (one school) and outsourced provision. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. The catering facilities at the school include the main dining areas and servery. All outlets are available to all pupils. Across the Trust there are currently 6936 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 2297 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 1460 to Free School Meals. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Norfolk Fund and Cambridgeshire Fund) and all details are in the tender documentation.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: £9,150,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Objective criteria as detailed in the tender document. A maximum of five suppliers will be taken forward to the Invitation to Tender stage of the process. Where less than five suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the Invitation to Tender stage. Where more than five suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the Invitation to Tender stage.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

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 duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

14 March 2025

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

14 April 2025

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Further notices will be published in 2027, 2028 or 2029 dependent on the exercising of contract extension options.

VI.3) Additional information

CPV code 55524000-9, falls within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as a Social and Other Specific Service, therefore the procurement procedure is governed by Section 7 of Part 2 (Regulations 74-77) of those Regulations.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

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

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