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Tender

Oxlip Learning Partnership ~ Catering Tender

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-060c19

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Scope

Description

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for up to five schools (2 x Secondary and 3 x Primary) of the Oxlip Learning Partnership (the trust).

The Trust comprises two secondary academies (Copleston High School and Stowupland High School) and five primary academies of which 3 (Bacton Primary School, Cedars Park Primary School, Mendlesham Primary School) are potentially in scope for this project.

At this present moment, the schools have differing approaches to catering service provision, Copleston High School is outsourced whereas the other four schools potentially in scope for this tender are currently self-delivering. Copleston High School is the key driver for this procurement exercise as it will be out of contract in Summer 2026 and needs to find an in-form, competent and confidant service provider capable of engaging its 1900 + pupils on a daily basis for its new contract term, whereas the self-delivered schools, if they participate will be curious as to a bidder's experience in taking schools to first time outsourcing and it's challenges and risks alongside the commercial opportunities that this could realise.

The Trust is presenting this exciting opportunity to partner with a supplier who is able to deliver their vision of promoting health and wellbeing through food provision across the

five schools. Current sales at Copleston are equivalent of £520k pa. Current Turnover if all five schools become part of scope is expected to be just short of £1m. It is thought that, with focus of resources and investment, there is significant growth potential through driving uptake in all of the self-operated schools.

The client would like to see innovative delivery of emerging food trends that are seen on the high street and in retail outlets that pupils and their families frequent and therefore need to be reflected in the school dining rooms. The ITT will capture detailed specifications for each school against which bidders can present confident proposals.

Please see PSQ Document for more information.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Suffolk:-School-catering-services./8725VGB8FH>

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Total value (estimated)

- £2,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Description of possible extension:

1+1

Please see PSQ document for more information.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKH14 - Suffolk

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

24 April 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/8725VGB8FH>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

25 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Criterion 1	Quality	70%
Criterion 2	Price	30%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Please see PSQ Document for more information.

Contracting authority

Oxlip Learning Partnership

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZX-1998-PMNJ

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