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Tender

The David Ross Education Trust Tender for Catering Services

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Scope

Reference

CA17064

Description

To provide catering services to the David Ross Education Trust, based in 34 schools spanning North Yorkshire, East Riding, North East Lincolnshire, the East Midlands and London.

Total value (estimated)

- £7,201,564 excluding VAT
- £7,201,564 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:

Maximum 2 extensions of 12 months per extension.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot 1. Lot 1 David Ross Education Trust Tender for Catering

Services - N.Yorks and Lincolnshire

Description

Lot 1 - The Trust are seeking a contractor to provide catering services for 15 of their schools based in North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. This consists of 6 secondary schools and 9 primary schools. The contract will be awarded for a period of 3 years commencing 1st September 2026 with an option to extend for a further one plus one years, which will be measured on the achievement of agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPI's), from Day One of the contract.

Please note this contract is being tendered in 3 Lots.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,237,233 excluding VAT
- £3,237,233 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. Lot 2 - The David Ross Education Trust - Leicestershire and Northamptonshire

Description

Lot 2 - The Trust are seeking a contractor to provide catering services for 17 of their schools based in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire This consists of 3 secondary schools and 14 primary schools. The contract will be awarded for a period of 3 years commencing 1st September 2026 with an option to extend for a further one plus one years, which will be measured on the achievement of agreed Key Performance Indicators

(KPI's), from Day One of the contract.

Please note this contract is being tendered in 3 Lots.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,228,115 excluding VAT
- £3,228,115 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. Lot 3 - The David Ross Education Trust - London

Description

Lot 3 - The Trust are seeking a contractor to provide catering services for 2 of their schools based in London. This consists of 1 secondary school and 1 primary school (classed as a 'through' school but on 2 different sites). The contract will be awarded for a period of 3 years commencing 1st September 2026 with an option to extend for a further one plus one years, which will be measured on the achievement of agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPI's), from Day One of the contract.

Please note this contract is being tendered in 3 Lots.

Lot value (estimated)

- £736,216 excluding VAT
- £736,216 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.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1 David Ross Education Trust Tender for Catering Services - N.Yorks and Lincolnshire

Lot 2. Lot 2 - The David Ross Education Trust - Leicestershire and Northamptonshire

Lot 3. Lot 3 - The David Ross Education Trust - London

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

27 February 2026, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 September 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	Price	30.0%
Food Quality & Variety of Healthy Meal Choices	Food Quality & Variety of Healthy Meal Choices	Quality	20.0%
Customer Experience & Innovation	Customer Experience & Innovation	Quality	15.0%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Relationship Management & Support	Relationship Management & Support	Quality	15.0%
Corporate, Social Responsibility & added Value	Corporate, Social Responsibility & added Value	Quality	10.0%
Clarification	Clarification	Quality	10.0%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

Stage 1: SQ

Stage 2: Advertisement

Stage 3: ITT

Stage 4: Standstill

Stage 5: Award

Contracting authority

The David Ross Education Trust

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)