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Award

Tanfield School - Catering & Cleaning Services

EDEN LEARNING TRUST

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Scope

Reference

MPN-10331

Description

Lot 1 - Catering Services and Lot 2 - Cleaning Services

Tanfield School is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering and cleaning service.

The school is a secondary academy based in Tanfield and part of Eden Learning Trust.

The contract is being offered for three years with the option to extend for a further two periods of 12 months. The contract commencement date is:

Catering - 05 April 2026

Cleaning - 31 May 2026

Lot 1 - Catering Services

The services at the school are outsourced.

The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the school. This will consist of morning breaks and full lunch service for each school day.

The catering facilities at the school include 2 dining halls both with servery's and take place over two sittings.

Across the school there are currently 692 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 235 pupils are entitled to Free School Meals.

TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. No members of the catering team are part of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The school is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing.

The school is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly.

Lot 2 - Cleaning Services

The contract is for a full daily cleaning service during term time and periodic cleaning outside of term time.

TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation.

One member of the cleaning team is a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme, and all details are in the tender documentation.

Lot LOT-0001. Catering Services

Description

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Lot LOT-0002. Cleaning Services

Description

The contract is for a full daily cleaning service during term time and periodic cleaning outside of term time.

TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation.

One member of the cleaning team is a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme, and all details are in the tender documentation.

Contract 1. Tanfield School - Catering Services

Lots

Lot LOT-0001. Catering Services

Supplier

- [Compass Contract Services \(UK\) Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £1,496,895 excluding VAT
- £1,796,274 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 January 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

25 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 April 2026 to 4 April 2029
- Possible extension to 4 April 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of 3 years as well as the two optional extension periods of 12 months each.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of 3 years with two possible extensions of 12 months each meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services
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Contract 2. Tanfield School - Cleaning Services

Lots

Lot LOT-0002. Cleaning Services

Supplier

- [Polopre United Kingdom Limited](#)

Contract value

- £777,062.43 excluding VAT
- £932,474.92 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 January 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

25 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 May 2026 to 30 May 2029
- Possible extension to 30 May 2031
- 5 years

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CPV classifications

- 90919300 - School cleaning services
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Information about tenders

Lot LOT-0001. Catering Services

- 4 tenders received
 - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot LOT-0002. Cleaning Services

- 4 tenders received
 - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

Compass Contract Services (UK) Ltd

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Parklands Court, 24 Parklands Rubery

Birmingham

B45 9PZ

United Kingdom

Email: business.development@compass-group.co.uk

Website: <https://www.compass-group.co.uk/>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Polopre United Kingdom Limited

- Companies House: 13394684

6, 4 High Street

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DA11 9HB

United Kingdom

Email: info@cleanethics.co.uk

Website: <https://cleanethics.co.uk/>

Region: UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Tanfield School - Cleaning Services

Contracting authority

EDEN LEARNING TRUST

- Companies House: 10980753

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DL17 8RW

United Kingdom

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Region: UKC14 - Durham CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Minerva Procurement Consultancy Services Limited

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement consultancy managing the tender process for Tanfield School part of Eden Learning Trust

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Contact organisation

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