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Tender

Stratford School Academy Catering Tender 2026

STRATFORD SCHOOL ACADEMY

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Scope

Reference

CCL_127

Description

Stratford School Academy is a co-educational Secondary Academy located in the London Borough of Newham. The Academy serves up to 1500 students aged 11 to 16 and employs approximately 165 teaching and support staff across its two sites. Each site has its own kitchen and restaurant area.

The Academy is tendering its catering services with a contract start date of 1st August 2026. The initial term will run for three years, ending on 31st July 2029, with a requirement for termly and annual reviews and a break clause to support both parties should the relationship not prosper.

There will be an option to extend for up to two further years (1+1) by mutual agreement, based on qualitative and financial performance. The current contract with Innovate Food Group has reached the maximum tenure.

The Academy is seeking a professional catering contractor who can deliver an excellent level of service, high-quality food and service enhancements, realistic and achievable sales targets and ongoing support to the Academy community throughout the contract.

The projected turnover for the five-year contract is expected to be circa £2 million.

The Academy is running this procurement as a Competitive Flexible, Two Stage, Light Touch Regime, Open Tender Process.

To declare your interest in the tender and download contract documents (available free of charge), please register on

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

Once registered, please declare interest in the opportunity to access and download the full document set.

In short, the Academy needs to be convinced that bidders can deliver their promises in full, achieve their sales projections, and meet their service enhancements. If the School is not convinced of this, it reserves the right to consider an insourced solution or make no award. Any investment proposals must align with DfE guidelines.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 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:

There will be an option to extend for up to two further years (1+1) by mutual agreement, based on qualitative and financial performance.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKI4 - Inner London - East

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 February 2026, 1:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

24 February 2026, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All returns are submitted electronically. <https://intendhost.co.uk/cohesionconsulting/aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	All details of the award criteria are shown in the ITT document.	Price

Weighting description

All details of the award criteria are shown in the ITT document.

Other information

Payment terms

As specified by Crown Commercial.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

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Contracting authority

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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.

Cohesion Consulting Limited

Summary of their role in this procurement: Cohesion are managing the procurement on behalf of the school

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