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Tender

Trust (school) Catering Service

VICTORIA ACADEMIES TRUST

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0449ab

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://victoriaacademiustrust.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Trust (school) Catering Service

Reference number

VAT-CAT-20240316

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Victoria Academies Trust is a 10 school primary only multi academy trust that is located across 5 local authorities within the West Midlands (Walsall, Birmingham, Worcester, Staffordshire, Sandwell). Victoria Academies Trust is looking for a catering contractor supply all 10 schools a fully managed catering service.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15894210 - School meals

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A. Victoria Academies Trust is a Multi-academy Trust currently comprising 10 primary schools in the West Midlands. 1 in Birmingham, 4 in Sandwell, 2 in Staffordshire, 1 in Walsall and 2 in Worcestershire

B. The proposed contract will be for the outsourced provision of catering services to Victoria Academies Trust. It is Victoria Academies Trusts expectation that the Successful Bidder shall be responsible for the operation of the catering function including employment and management of staff, supply of foodstuffs, consumables and light equipment and preparing and serving appropriate meals. Victoria Academies Trust will retain responsibility for payment of utilities and the operation and maintenance of core catering equipment and facilities.

C. The successful bidder will provide a range of good quality, nutritious, attractively presented meals for pupils and staff, that comply with Government's minimum nutritional and food-based standards for the educational sector. Meals should reflect growth in healthy eating trends, promote uptake, and comply with the new Ofsted guidance for catering.

D. The successful bidder shall establish effective management and operational level communication systems at all levels regarding the catering service with customers that include; School management, parents, and pupils. In addition, the provider will also be responsible for all legal and health and safety & food safety requirements in delivering the catering services, as well as be responsible for collecting monies and chasing outstanding payments.

E. Further information on Victoria Academies Trust, and full details of the services required are included in Section 7: Service Specification.

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: £1,500,000

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

Start date

1 September 2024

End date

31 August 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This is a 3 year contract with 2 year option to extend

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 expressions of interest

Date

30 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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