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## **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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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://victoriaacademiestrust.org/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://victoriaacademiestrust.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

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## 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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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