

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/009578-2024>

Contract

London & South East Education Group ~ Catering Tender

London & South East Educational Group

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-009578

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e0c7

Published 25 March 2024, 12:05pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

London & South East Educational Group

High Street, The Walnuts, Orpington

Kent

BR6 0TE

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1276673880

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.laseeq.co.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

London & South East Education Group ~ Catering Tender

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for London & South East Education Group at the following sites. Suppliers are required to submit for BOTH Lots.

Please see below for the access links to SQs for each Lot: Lot 1:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/2782UYCVSB> Access code: 2782UYCVSB Lot 2:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/XT62RQT49Y> Access code: XT62RQT49Y

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £930,199.15

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

London South East Colleges was created in August 2016 following a three-way merger between Bromley College, Bexley College and Greenwich Community College. The catering tender will comprise of two separate “Lots” – Lot 1: LSEEG and Lot 2 LSEC The College has six campuses across the region, offering education and training to around 13,000 students. Since the merger, the College has been working hard to strengthen provision and safeguard itself financially for the future. The College offers over 300 courses at a range of levels, to suit people of all ages, abilities and interests. From Audit Community courses and apprenticeships right through to degree-level and professional qualifications. Success rates for 2016-17 put the College in the top 25% of FE Colleges nationally and above the national rate in all areas of its provision. The tender project is seeking to appoint a Contractor whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of service within the existing facilities for the 13,000 students on roll and 3,500 teaching and support staff, with a focus

on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The College would wish the successful contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly. The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2028 and will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the College a guaranteed return / cost per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with London South East Colleges for the duration of this contract. The College year is based on a calendar of 195 days. Five days are to be used for staff professional development which means that the College will be open to receive students for the legal minimum of 190 days. The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the College, which currently includes morning break, lunch, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free School meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost. Whilst the College prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, the Governing body is not obliged to accept the lowest price. The value of the current contract is: - 2021/ 2022 Cash sales£407,208.04 Free School Meals £44,727.91 Hospitality£18,992.00 Total£470,927.95 London South East Colleges expects the successful contractor to enable the continued development of catering through the provision of an innovative, healthy food service, with fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients being prepared on-site. The College expects the successful tenderer to evidence, through their bid, how they shall support and complement its values and support the principles of Every Child Matters. Please see SQ document for more information.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note, this is a Contract Award Notice. This contract has already been awarded. Lot 1 was cancelled and only Lot 2 has been awarded.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

London South East Colleges was created in August 2016 following a three-way merger between Bromley College, Bexley College and Greenwich Community College. The catering tender will comprise of two separate “Lots” – Lot 1: LSEEG and Lot 2 LSEC The College has six campuses across the region, offering education and training to around 13,000 students. Since the merger, the College has been working hard to strengthen provision and safeguard itself financially for the future. The College offers over 300 courses at a range of levels, to suit people of all ages, abilities and interests. From Audit Community courses and apprenticeships right through to degree-level and professional qualifications. Success rates for 2016-17 put the College in the top 25% of FE Colleges nationally and above the national rate in all areas of its provision. The tender project is seeking to appoint a Contractor whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of service within the existing facilities for the 13,000 students on roll and 3,500 teaching and support staff, with a focus on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The College would wish the successful contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly. The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2028 and will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the College a guaranteed return / cost per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with London South East Colleges for the duration of this contract. The College year is based on a calendar of 195 days. Five days are to be used for staff professional development which means that the College will be open to receive students for the legal minimum of 190 days. The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all

catering services within the College, which currently includes morning break, lunch, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free School meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost. Whilst the College prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, the Governing body is not obliged to accept the lowest price. The value of the current contract is: - 2021/ 2022 Cash sales£407,208.04 Free School Meals £44,727.91 Hospitality£18,992.00 Total£470,927.95 London South East Colleges expects the successful contractor to enable the continued development of catering through the provision of an innovative, healthy food service, with fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients being prepared on-site. The College expects the successful tenderer to evidence, through their bid, how they shall support and complement its values and support the principles of Every Child Matters. Please see SQ document for more information.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note, this is a Contract Award Notice. This contract has already been awarded. Lot 1 was cancelled and only Lot 2 has been awarded.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-019827](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cater Link Limited

Earley West, 300 Thames Valley Park Drive

Reading

RG6 1PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

National registration number

03732298

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,880,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £930,199.15

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement. It will be the supplier's responsibility to obtain any necessary documents in order to submit a response by the closing date and time. The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this contract notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time. The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity.

To view this notice, please click here:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/delta/viewNotice.html?noticeId=851475450>

GO Reference: GO-2024325-PRO-25579888

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

London & South East Educational Group

High Street, The Walnuts, Orpington

Kent

BR6 0TE

Country

United Kingdom