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## **Pathfinder Schools ~ Catering Tender**

Pathfinder Schools  
Montsaye Academy  
Rothwell Junior School  
Rothwell Victoria Infant School  
Loatlands Primary School  
Havelock Junior School  
Havelock Infant School  
Wilbarston Church of England Primary School  
Rushton Primary School  
Hawthorn Community Primary School  
Naseby Church of England Primary Academy

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Pathfinder Schools

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Northants

NN14 6BB

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**Telephone**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://pathfinderschools.org.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Montsaye Academy

Greening Road, Rothwell

Northants

NN14 6BB

**Email**

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.montsaye.northants.sch.uk/>

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Rothwell Junior School

Gladstone Street, Rothwell

Northamptonshire

NN14 6ER

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

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

Main address

<https://rothwellschools.org.uk/>

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Rothwell Victoria Infant School

School Lane, Rothwell

Northamptonshire

NN14 6HZ

#### **Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://rothwellschools.org.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Loatlands Primary School

Harrington Road, Desborough

Northamptonshire

NN14 2NJ

**Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.loatlandsprimary.net/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Havelock Junior School

Havelock Street, Desborough

Northamptonshire

NN14 2LU

**Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.havelockschools.org.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Havelock Infant School

Havelock Street, Desborough

Northamptonshire

NN14 2LU

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.havelockschools.org.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Wilbarston Church of England Primary School

School Lane, Wilbarston, Market Harborough

Leicestershire

LE16 8QN

**Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.wilbarston.northants.sch.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Rushton Primary School

Station Road, Rushton

Northamptonshire

NN14 1RL

**Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.rushton.school/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Hawthorn Community Primary School

Hawthorn Road, Kettering

Northamptonshire

NN15 7HT

**Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

Naseby Church of England Primary Academy

School Lane, Naseby

Northamptonshire

NN6 6BZ

### **Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **Region code**

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

Main address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/76B73JGUWM>

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**

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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#### **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 Pathfinder Schools

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Main site or place of performance

Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Pathfinder Schools are a growing family of schools, built on a commitment to the development of the children and young people in the communities we serve. Based in the heart of Northamptonshire, our Academy Trust exists to deliver the very best educational

outcomes for every learner. Built upon a foundation of independence, we empower young people to broaden their horizons and open their minds to new opportunities. Inspired and supported by these values, we seek to develop the characteristics of effective learners in our children so that, whatever their future holds, they can approach this with character, confidence and resilience.

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for Pathfinder Schools (Formerly Montsaye Community Learning Partnership) at the following locations;

- Montsaye Academy
- Rothwell Junior School
- Rothwell Victoria Infant School
- Loatlands Primary School
- Havelock Junior School
- Havelock Infant School
- Wilbarston C of E Primary School
- Rushton Primary School
- Hawthorn Community Primary School
- Naseby C of E Primary Academy

Please note – Montsaye Academy is currently going through the process of being re-brokered and depending on the outcome of this, may be withdrawn from the tender process at any time.

The contract covers the scope for the provision of all catering services at each of the above schools, which also includes all hospitality and free issue requirements.

The successful Supplier will be expected to source all fresh produce on a local basis, especially fresh meat, bakery and fruit and vegetables. Contractors will need to demonstrate their approach to sustainability and how the supply carbon footprint can be minimised.

The overall emphasis for this service is on achieving 'best value' and the successful Supplier will be expected to demonstrate innovation, flexibility and commercialism.

The contract being offered commences on 1 September 2024 for an initial three-year period and will operate on a fixed cost basis.

Please note that the successful Supplier will pay The Litmus Partnership a consultancy fee on award of this contract, which will be to the value of £8,000.00 plus VAT. This fee will be invoiced immediately after the 10-day standstill period ends w/e 26 July 2024. To ensure transparency, you will clearly show within your management fee a breakdown of this consultancy fee, over the length of the contract. The total full fee will be paid by the successful Supplier, in full to The Litmus Partnership, by no later than Friday 16 August 2024

If the number of schools within The Trust grows during the course of this contract. The provision of catering services to these schools when they have joined will fall under the scope of this contract if required.

The successful Supplier will be expected to provide the catering services within these additional schools using the same costing model, ratios, etc that were applied to the successful bid at the point of tender submission. The duration of contract for these schools will not be increased and they will join the contract for the remaining contract period that exists at the point of entry into the Trust.

The approximate current value of this contract is c. £900,000 p.a.

Please see SQ Document for more information.

#### **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: £4,500,000

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

Start date

1 September 2024

End date

31 August 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A minimum of 5 suppliers and a maximum of 10 suppliers will be taken forward to the tender stage of the process. Where less than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the tender stage. Where more than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the tender stage.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **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**

To respond to this opportunity please click here:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/76B73JGUWM>

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

September start date

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

19 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

13 May 2024

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **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.

The contracting authority will consider variant bids, evaluating them (so far as the variant or the evaluation of the variant is in the opinion of the contracting authority practicable) on the same basis as a conforming bid, but shall not be obliged to accept any such bid in preference to a conforming bid even if the variant bid scores more highly. No variant will be considered unless the bidder simultaneously submits a conforming bid.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Northants:-School-catering-services./76B73JGUWM>

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

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

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