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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

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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

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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

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

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

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

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

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Internet address(es)

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

I.1) Name and addresses

Havelock Junior School

Havelock Street, Desborough

Northamptonshire

NN14 2LU

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tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.1) Name and addresses

Havelock Infant School

Havelock Street, Desborough

Northamptonshire

NN14 2LU

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Country

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Wilbarston Church of England Primary School

School Lane, Wilbarston, Market Harborough

Leicestershire

LE16 8QN

Email

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

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

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

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

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

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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

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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