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Tender

Cheam High School and Oaks Park High School Catering

CHEAM ACADEMIES NETWORK

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Scope

Reference

CCL_125

Description

Cheam High School and Oaks Park High School, part of the Cheam Academies Network Trust, are successful secondary schools in the London Borough of Sutton.

The Trust is tendering its catering services for the two schools with a contract start date of 1st August 2026. The initial term will run for three years, ending on 31st July 2029, with a requirement for termly and annual reviews and a break clause to support both parties should the relationship not prosper.

There will be an option to extend for up to two further years (1+1) by mutual agreement, based on qualitative and financial performance. The current contract with Harrison Catering has reached the maximum tenure of five years.

The Trust is seeking a professional catering contractor who can deliver an excellent level of service, high-quality food and service enhancements, realistic and achievable sales

targets and ongoing support to the School community throughout the contract.

The projected turnover for the five-year contract is expected to be circa £5.2 million.

The School is running this procurement as a Competitive Flexible, Two Stage, Light Touch Regime, Open Tender Process.

To declare your interest in the tender and download contract documents (available free of charge), please register on <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/cohesionconsulting/aspx/Home>

Once registered, please declare interest in the opportunity to access and download the full document set.

In short, the Trust needs to be convinced that bidders can deliver their promises in full, achieve their sales projections, and meet their service enhancements. If the School is not convinced of this, it reserves the right to consider an insourced solution or make no award. Any investment proposals must align with DFE guidelines.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,200,000 excluding VAT
- £6,240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- Possible extension to 30 July 2031
- 4 years, 11 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

There will be an option to extend for up to two further years (1+1) by mutual agreement, based on qualitative and financial performance. The current contract with Harrison

Catering has reached the maximum tenure of five years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Submission

Enquiry deadline

10 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

11 March 2026, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All returns are submitted electronically. <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/cohesionconsulting/aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

25 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Award criteria are in the ITT documents	Price

Weighting description

Award criteria are in the ITT documents

Other information

Payment terms

30 days from invoice

Description of risks to contract performance

None

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Cohesion Consulting Ltd

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement and management consultancy for this tender

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