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Award

Darlington Catering

STUDENT LOANS COMPANY

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Scope

Reference

2024-TR-0065

Description

Student Loans Company Limited are seeking to appoint an experienced catering supplier to operate within our offices at Memphis, Lingfield Point, Darlington, DL1 1AS. The supplier should offer the 1,600 SLC employees based at this site and any visitors an excellent variety and quality of food that is reasonably priced and served efficiently.

The supplier will provide regular new innovative ideas to ensure that the offers remains fresh, meets employee needs and is more cost efficient than the surrounding competition, the supplier should also provide a professional, creative and excellent standard of hospitality catering service for meetings as required.

The successful supplier will need to be ready to commence the above services by the 1st of March 2026.

Contract 1. Catering For Darlington

Supplier

- THE STREET COFFEE CO CAFE LIMITED

Contract value

- £1,242,202 excluding VAT
- £1,433,310 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

30 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

13 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Option of two twelve month extension period, subject to satisfactory performance and the continuity of the required services

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services

Contract locations

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
 - 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - limited competition

Special regime

Concession

Supplier

THE STREET COFFEE CO CAFE LIMITED

70 Newton Drive

Durham

DH1 5BE

United Kingdom

Email: streetcoffee@outlook.com

Region: UKC14 - Durham CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

STUDENT LOANS COMPANY

- Companies House: 02401034
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMXL-3278-BCWT

Memphis Building Lingfield Point

Darlington

DL1 1RW

United Kingdom

Email: commercial_governance@slc.co.uk

Region: UKC13 - Darlington

Organisation type: Public authority - central government