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## **Cluster of Three Secondary Schools Catering Tender Tower Hamlets**

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F02: Contract notice

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

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

Cluster of 3 Secondary Schools in Tower Hamlets Catering Tender

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UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

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Main address

[www.cohesionconsulting.co.uk](http://www.cohesionconsulting.co.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/cohesionconsulting/asp/Home>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/cohesionconsulting/asp/Home>

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Cluster of Three Secondary Schools Catering Tender Tower Hamlets

Reference number

CCL\_018

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55524000 - School catering services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Three secondary schools in Tower Hamlets are tendering their catering services as a cluster with a 1st August 2023 contract start date and the first day of service being 1st September 2023. Whilst bidding as a cluster, each school reserves the right to awards its own preferred contractor. They are Bow School, Central Foundation Girls' School and Morpeth School. Their combined roll is 4,369 and combined sales turnover is £850,000 per annum. Many of the catering teams have LGPS pensions, some have NEST. Full performance details for each school are in the SQ and ITT documents. This will be a second generation tender and each school is looking for a partner to drive positive change on site whilst working closely with the premises team; aligning with the school's values.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Main site or place of performance

Bow School E3 3QW Central Foundation Girl's School E3 2AE Morpeth School E2 0PX

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for an initial three year term. There is an option to extend the contract for a further two years subject to mutual agreement, based on strong financial and qualitative performance by mutual agreement.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 3

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

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The schools require a contract start date of July 31st 2023 so an accelerated process is essential.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

12 May 2023

Local time

1:00pm

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

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

Public Procurement Review Service

70 Whitehall

London

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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