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Award

External Audit and Accountancy Services

Hertfordshire Catering Limited

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Scope

Reference

HCL/EAAS/2025

Description

Hertfordshire Catering Limited (HCL) is a limited company, limited by a single share wholly owned by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). It is a specialist contract caterer delivering catering service in the education sector. We are looking for a suitable qualified provider to provide external audit and accountancy services. The Procurement will be evaluated based on MEAT criteria. For further details of the procurement, please refer to the tender documents.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- Mercer & Hole

Contract value

- £120,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

24 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 31 January 2030
- Possible extension to 31 October 2030
- 4 years, 8 months

Description of possible extension:

The possibility of 9 months extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

Contract locations

- UKJ - South East (England)

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - limited competition

Supplier

Mercer & Hole

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St Albans

AL1 1NS

United Kingdom

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Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Hertfordshire Catering Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZRN-7198-PBPY

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Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)