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The Athelstan Trust ~ Catering tender

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/6UKJHQQ22U>

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, initially for Chipping Sodbury and Bradon Forest Schools:

Chipping Sodbury School, Bowling Road, Chipping Sodbury Bristol, BS37 6EW

Bradon Forest School, The Peak, Purton, Swindon SN5 4AT

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,630,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering services, initially for Chipping Sodbury and Bradon Forest Schools.

The contract covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the Schools, including hospitality and free issue requirements.

The duration of the contract/s offered is three years commencing on 1 January 2023, concluding on 31 December 2025, with the opportunity to extend by up to an additional two years at the discretion of Trustees.

The contract is offered on a 'guaranteed performance' basis with all free issue requirements and hospitality being recharged on consumption at "net" food cost only.

It is appreciated that a level of investment may be identified as a requirement of your bid, and therefore bidders are encouraged to provide detailed information of any equipment felt necessary. Bidders must provide the equipment make, model and cost and also a

justification of how this equipment will assist in fulfilling the proposal and potential of the service. All investment suggested must be fully justified within the Service Development and Finance sections of your Bidder Response. The level of investment provided will be at each School's discretion, subject to the method of obtaining the investment for the required equipment.

The quality of food provision will be critical and indeed your organisation must be flexible enough to source bakery, meat, fruit and vegetables and dairy products through local suppliers based no more than 25 miles from the Schools. It is expected that menus will feature and utilise products in season.

Customer engagement will be fundamental to the continuous improvement in the service provision and within your tender response your methodology to achieve this will be detailed along with examples of where this has recently been undertaken within similar contracts.

The successful contractor should have similar operations within the local area thus ensuring that the Operational Management Team responsible for the contract is available for regular visits and support for the contract, and that coverage for any planned or unplanned leave from within the establishment staffing structure can be easily provided.

The successful Supplier/s will work closely with the Clients to manage the provision of catering and the overall 'meal experience'.

Chipping Sodbury School: The value of the current catering contract is annually £85K. Currently there is no cashless catering system in place. The introduction of a biometric cashless system would be welcomed as part of this tender exercise.

Bradon Forest School: The value of the current catering contract is annually £241K. A biometric cashless system is already in operation.

Please see SQ Document for further details.

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: £1,630,000

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

Start date

1 January 2023

End date

31 December 2027

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

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

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

17 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

8 July 2022

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.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-Gloucestershire:-School-catering-services./6UKJHQQ22U>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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