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Tender

Catering Contract for 4 Special Schools in Hampshire

SOLENT ACADEMIES TRUST

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://solentacademiestrust.info/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://solentacademiestrust.info/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Multi Academy Trust

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Catering Contract for 4 Special Schools in Hampshire

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Solent Academies Trust is a MAT currently consisting of 4 schools.

Mary Rose Academy, Gisors Road, Portsmouth, PO4 8GT

Cliffdale Primary Academy, Battenburg Avenue, Portsmouth, PO2 0SN

Redwood Park Academy, Portsmouth, PO6 2RY

Dove House Academy, Sutton Road, Basingstoke RG21 5SU

Multi Academy Trust governed by a board of trustees, who are also directors of the Limited company.

The School/Trust website are linked below.

The Trust is required to run a tender process to appoint one single Contractor for Catering Services for 4 academies to align with their new academic year, starting September 2025.

Catering services are currently provided in house.

This process is required to:

- An open, collaborate partnership between the schools and the provider.
- Meals served to pupils are appealing, nutritious, well-cooked and culturally appropriate.
- Meals are value for money for the school.
- Meals are prepared by a motivated, valued and well trained workforce.
- Catering staff are paid the national Living Wage
- Schools, pupils and parents are regularly consulted on the menu and service.
- Increase school meal uptake.
- Food waste is kept to a minimum.
- Special diets and allergies are well catered for.
- School food quality monitoring is adequate, including reporting to the principal and trust central team.
- Achieve a more consistent and sustainable approach to Catering across the Multi Academy Company.
- Address the challenge of differing Contractors and end dates seeking one Contractor with co-terminus date for this contract
- Ensure a consistently high level of service across all schools
- Ensure there is a uniform pricing model

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

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II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Services for 4 academies to align with their new academic year, starting September 2025.

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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.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

Contract 3 years with option extend for 2 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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

11 April 2025

Local time

8:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 May 2025

Local time

5:00pm

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

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