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Planning

Schools Group Catering Provision

Norfolk County Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Norfolk County Council

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 2DH

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/Home>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Schools Group Catering Provision

Reference number

NCCT42727

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council is seeking to gauge the interest of experienced catering providers in relation to a school meals catering service for maintained schools in Norfolk. Due to a significant proportion of smaller primary schools in Norfolk, many of which lack cooking facilities of their own, the Council has facilitated a group catering arrangement to ensure that provision is available to all maintained schools, irrespective of size and available facilities. There are approximately 100 schools across Norfolk receiving provision through current arrangements, worth in the region of £5m p/a. Governing bodies of maintained schools are free to choose whether they opt in, with schools signing a Service Level Agreement to access provision.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55520000 - Catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 September 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement will be managed electronically via the Council's e-procurement system. To participate in this procurement, applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc.aspx/BuyerProfiles>. Once registered you will be notified if and when the procurement goes live and will be given access to the procurement document. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk.