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Tender

## **Star Academies - Water Management (Legionella) Services**

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Star Academies are looking to run a Find a Tender Service (FTS - above threshold) compliant tender under PA2023 to appoint a single suitable supplier to manage the water systems (legionella) across its nationwide school estate. The supplier selected will be able to provide a complete water systems management (legionella) services package including maintenance (PPM), legionella risk assessment, technical advice and remedial works, all in accordance with industry best practice e.g. HSE ACOP L8 and the final ITT documents.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two further optional 12 month extensions

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 90713100 - Consulting services for water-supply and waste-water other than for construction

## **Contract locations**

- UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West
- UKD4 - Lancashire
- UKE4 - West Yorkshire
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKI - London

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## **Submission**

**Enquiry deadline**

25 March 2026, 12:00pm

**Submission type**

Requests to participate

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25 March 2026, 12:00pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

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

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

18 June 2026

**Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 20 February 2031

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	<p>Mandatory Minimum Requirements – these must all be met to progress (Pass/Fail).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No exclusions through mandatory or discretionary grounds under Parts 1 and 2.</li> <li>- Financial stability – this will be calculated by confirmation that your assets must be equal to or more than your liabilities.</li> <li>- Confirmation of (please note that evidence of these will be requested later in the process):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum £5m insurance held, or commitment to obtain, for the following:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employer’s Liability</li> <li>- Public Liability</li> <li>- Professional Indemnity</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Holding of the following company policies (or equivalent):                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>- Quality</li> <li>- Environmental/Sustainability</li> <li>- GDPR/Data Protection</li> <li>- Cyber/IT Security</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Holding of a relevant Health and Safety and quality accreditations such as:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safecontractor (preferred)</li> <li>- SSIP/Constructionline</li> <li>- ISO18001/ISO9001</li> <li>- CHAS</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Supply chain payment compliance (30-day payment terms)</li> <li>- UK GDPR compliance</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Technical Capability (these will be scored and ranked to shortlist to ITT).</li> <li>- Sector</li> </ul>	Price

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	Experience & References (40%) – Evidence of working within schools and the education sector in a similar capacity with references and detailed examples given. - National Infrastructure & Response (40%) – Demonstration of ability to meet school demands based on location of local offices and engineers nationwide within SLA commitments. - Engineer Competence & Experience (20%) – Demonstration of engineer qualifications and capabilities including training and experience.	

### Weighting description

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  - SSIP/Constructionline
  - ISO18001/ISO9001
  - CHAS
- Supply chain payment compliance (30-day payment terms)
- UK GDPR compliance

Technical Capability (these will be scored and ranked to shortlist to ITT).

- Sector Experience & References (40%) – Evidence of working within schools and the education sector in a similar capacity with references and detailed examples given.
- National Infrastructure & Response (40%) – Demonstration of ability to meet school demands based on location of local offices and engineers nationwide within SLA commitments.
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## **Other information**

### **Payment terms**

30 days

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

Unknown assets. Further information provided at ITT stage.

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

This will be a PA2023 compliant, two-stage above threshold competitive flexible procedure with the intention of creating a contract with a single supplier.

Stage 1 - The Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) which will allow the trust to shortlist up to five (5) suppliers who meet the minimum requirements and score highest on the technical and competency questions in Part 3.

Stage 2 - These shortlisted suppliers will progress to the second stage of the process, the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage where further technical capability will be tested along with refined pricing.

Please note that there is an optional presentation stage following initial procurement evaluation. This has no associated evaluation scoring but may be used to clarify and

moderate scores.

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

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

Available free of charge at the above web address

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## Contracting authority

### STAR ACADEMIES

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government