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Tender

ID 5831917 - DfE - The Provision of Catering and Vending Services To Belfast Metropolitan College

Belfast Metropolitan College

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Scope

Reference

ID 5831917

Description

Belfast Metropolitan College (the Buyer) is the largest of the six Further and Higher Education Colleges in Northern Ireland. There are campuses located at Titanic Quarter, Millfield, Springvale and Castlereagh. The Buyer is seeking to appoint a Supplier with the relevant skills and experience to deliver and manage the catering and vending services in an effective and professional manner. The catering operation is regarded as an important element of the Buyer's business operation and will need to reflect the high standards and public profile of the Client. Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule and CfT documents for further details.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,650,000 excluding VAT
- £1,980,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2028
- Possible extension to 31 July 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two optional extension periods of up to 12 months each.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Refer to CfT documents

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 May 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

21 May 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 June 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 February 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quantitative Criteria	As per Tender Documentation.	Price	60%
Qualitative Criteria	As per Tender documentation.	Quality	40%

Other information

Payment terms

Contract Value

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the

level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

Description of risks to contract performance

Exclusions

If at any time during the procurement, or post award, it comes to the attention of the Contracting Authority (CA) or CPD, by whatever means, that a Supplier has become 'excluded' or 'excludable' as per Sec 57 of the PA 2023, the CA, after compliance with its obligations under the PA 23, reserves the right to exclude said Supplier from the procurement procedure or terminate any contract they have been awarded.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the rights:

- (I). not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;
- (II). to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition;
- (III). to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the services covered by this notice; and
- (IV). to award contract(s) in stages.

and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Belfast Metropolitan College

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPTX-8572-NYCV

Titanic Quarter Campus, Queens Road, Queen's Island

Belfast

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United Kingdom

Email: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.