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Tender

Catering Services Contract for Pontefract Academies Trust

PONTEFRACT ACADEMIES TRUST

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Scope

Description

The Trust is seeking to appoint a single contractor to provide catering services to all of the schools in the Trust.

The Trust currently has two secondary schools and seven primary schools.

Total value (estimated)

- £7,275,000 excluding VAT
- £8,730,000 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:

Extensions are available as 2 x 12 month periods, agreed in writing by both parties

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Trust may grow in size over the life of the catering contract, and seeks to be able to include any additional schools who join the Trust into this contract, once the previous commercial agreements permit.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

11 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All submissions are to be made via the Bidiful Portal

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	The Trust will assess the written responses, the supplier presentation and references in their evaluation of the quality score	Quality	70%
Price	The Trust will assess the written responses, the supplier presentation and references in their evaluation of the quality score	Price	30%

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The procedure will consist of four distinct stages, allowing for an initial assessment of interested suppliers. Suppliers will be evaluated against the specific objectives of the new contract through the following stages:

- Selection Stage and Shortlisting
- Invitation to Tender (ITT) and Shortlisting for Presentation
- Presentation of Proposal to the Authority
- Reference Checking

The evaluation of the shortlisting process will be based on the information submitted by the bidding companies. A shortlist of suppliers will be compiled, with up to 6 of the highest-scoring submissions invited to progress to the subsequent stage of the procurement process.

Only those companies that are selected and formally notified will be invited to submit a response during the ITT stage.

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app>

Bidders may apply for the tender documents by emailing

ian.henderson@ace-advice.co.uk

Documents will be made available from the Bidiful portal:

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app>

Contracting authority

PONTEFRACT ACADEMIES TRUST

- Companies House: 08445158
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXVG-9387-MVVY

The Barracks Business Centre

Pontefract

WF8 4HH

United Kingdom

Email: adminsupport@patrust.org.uk

Region: UKE45 - Wakefield

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

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

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Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement support

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