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Contract

Little Heath School ~ Catering Tender

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0403b8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Little Heath School

Little Heath Road, Tilehurst

Reading

RG31 5TY

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1276673880

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.littleheath.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for Little Heath School.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,960,680.77

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Main site or place of performance

Berkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Little Heath School is a voluntary-aided co-educational comprehensive secondary school. The school is located in the Little Heath area of the Reading suburb of Tilehurst, in Berkshire. Founded in 1963, the school is managed by West Berkshire Local Authority, but serves communities in both West Berkshire and Reading. A mixed 11 – 18 school, it has approximately 1650 students on roll, with over 350 of these in the Sixth Form. The tender project is seeking to appoint an experienced and innovative Contractor for the provision of a catering service, within the existing facilities, for the students on roll and 180 teaching and support staff. The Contractor will be required to have a focus on exciting new food concepts and be able to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The School would wish the successful Contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly. The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2027 and will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the School a guaranteed return per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with Little Heath School for the duration of this contract. The School year is based on a calendar of 195 days. Five days are to be used for staff professional development which means the School will be open to receive students for the legal minimum of 190 days. The contract offered covers the provision of a full range of catering services within the School, which currently includes breakfast, morning break, lunch, some hospitality and all free issue requirements. Free School Meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost. Whilst the School prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, the Governing body is not obliged to accept the lowest price. The value of the current contract is: - 2021/ 2022 Cash sales£334,200 Free School Meals £73,124 Hospitality£5,743 Total£413,067 Little Heath expects the successful Contractor to enable the continued development of catering at the School through the provision of an innovative, healthy food service, with fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients being prepared on-site. The School expects the successful tenderer to evidence, through their bid, how they shall support and complement its values and support the principles of Every Child Matters. The School believes that success should be celebrated and that pupils should enjoy their time at school; if lessons are stimulating and challenging then students

will love learning. Much time therefore, is spent reviewing and planning schemes of work to ensure that they are adapted to meet the needs of all students. As a school which is continually seeking ways to improve and develop the ethos and environment for students and staff, to give them the facilities they deserve and need to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, any consideration regarding inward capital investment as part of the Contractor's tender submission would be welcomed. Please be advised that this contract will be let on a 3 + 2 years basis. Please see SQ document for more information.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This contract has been awarded

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Culinera Limited

12 The Broadway

Amersham

HP7 0HP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

National registration number

12382186

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,065,335

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,960,680.77

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement. It will be the supplier's responsibility to obtain any necessary documents in order to submit a response by the closing date and time. The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this contract notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time. The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Reading

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