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Northern College ~ Catering Tender

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/G92HDZ7U65>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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 Northern College

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,350,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

Main site or place of performance

South Yorkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Requirement

The successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for Northern College.

The catering service provision is currently managed by the Thomas Franks on a 5 year contract which expires at the end of December 2024. To ensure that best value principles are applied the Governors and Senior Leaders of the College have decided to tender the catering services.

Northern College is the only residential college for adults to re-enter education, gain employment or to make career change through immersive residential learning and specialist support.

The catering service provides breakfast, lunch and supper service for, Monday-Friday, 48 weeks, and a limited service for up to 11 weekends per year

In 2023-24 Catering costs was around £270k

Objectives

We want our catering company to offer a high quality service to all our students, staff and

visitors that matches the educational experience they receive on a daily basis all of the essential abilities and skills to provide an outstanding catering service to our students, staff and visitors at our College.

You should have the knowledge of how to provide exceptional dining experiences in Colleges, manage staff and the whole catering function.

Providing a high quality and reliable catering service has a major effect on the whole learning experience for all our students, staff and visitors and this is why the College is passionate about having very high quality catering facilities, with excellent food choices which are nutritionally balanced for everyone. Having excellent customer care, the caterer should be polite, diplomatic and thoughtful while dealing with all our students, staff and visitors.

We are looking for a refreshing and innovative approach that reflects, amongst other things, the changing profile of student life and their food preferences and types and preferred styles of dining including a wide range of vegan and vegetarian options which is very popular with our student body.

It's essential to the college that the contractors bidding for this tender think broadly about all issues and not just the core catering service to compete and be successful in obtaining the contract of the college. We would like the contractors to always be on the lookout for new ways of doing things, coming up with new solutions for many common problems such as how you have dealt with the cost of living crisis in managing price increases

Contractors are requested to ensure they consider all the aspects of service delivery and think carefully about the catering requirements.

The College already knows that the successful provision of catering services is very much dependent on the development of a good working relationship between the Client of a facility and the contractor's catering manager and catering team on site. The contractor is expected to use its best endeavours to cultivate such a relationship to benefit the smooth running of each establishment.

Key factors for the College are:

- A service that offers a light breakfast, light lunch and a cooked evening meal
- A model which is cost effective with high quality service and flexibility (to cover weekends as well as extended hours)
- A suitable and workable staffing structure to ensure that sufficient catering services will be provided every day.

- Flexibility of service delivery.
- What cover arrangements will be applied when inevitably some staff are off with illness.
- Management involvement.
- Monitoring of standards and service delivery.
- Availability and responsiveness of Management to any issues raised.
- Ability to provide hospitality for events and meetings outside of core working hours. With a clear cost structure.

The new contract will commence on 1 January 2025, for an initial 3 year term with the option of additional 2 x 1 year extensions.

For the avoidance of doubt, TUPE Regulations will apply to this contract.

Please see SQ Document for more information.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,350,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 January 2025

End date

31 December 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A minimum of 5 suppliers and a maximum of 10 suppliers will be taken forward to the tender stage of the process. Where less than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the tender stage. Where more than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the tender stage.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

5 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

29 July 2024

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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.

The contracting authority will consider variant bids, evaluating them (so far as the variant or the evaluation of the variant is in the opinion of the contracting authority practicable) on the same basis as a conforming bid, but shall not be obliged to accept any such bid in preference to a conforming bid even if the variant bid scores more highly. No variant will be considered unless the bidder simultaneously submits a conforming bid.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-South-Yorkshire:-School-catering-services./G92HDZ7U65>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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