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Contract

Equitas Academies Trust ~ Catering Tender

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F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-017122

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-049877

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Equitas Academies Trust

Aston Manor Academy, Phillips Street, Aston

Birmingham

B6 4PZ

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1276673880

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://equitasacademiestrust.com/>

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 Equitas Academies Trust.

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: £2,186,534.92

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering services for Equitas Academies Trust.

Equitas Academies Trust was formed in 2011 on the belief that we can inspire our children for the years beyond their time within education. The Trust currently comprises two schools. Our Trust Board must maintain stability while there is a fast-changing educational landscape. We have strategic aspirations for modest growth as a Trust.

Our pupils are guided and motivated in achieving their diverse aspirations by dedicated and passionate teachers, men and women who care deeply about the welfare of their students and have the skills in their subjects possessing the ability to impart that same knowledge and passion to others.

Our schools have a strong reputation for providing an excellent education for all its pupils in a friendly and caring environment. Pupils' wellbeing is at the forefront of what we do at Equitas, and all staff are committed to ensuring every child's needs are met.

Our schools cater for children of all abilities in a well-disciplined environment and through a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Our staff are highly qualified, experienced, and committed to ensuring that every pupil reaches his or her potential.

The Equitas Academies Trust is expected to grow with a number of additional schools becoming part of the Trust during this contract period and the provision of catering services at these schools when they have joined the Trust will fall under the scope of this contract. Similarly, Schools with alternative catering provisions currently in place could fall into scope of this contract as their current catering arrangements end. The successful Supplier will be expected to provide this service at these additional schools using the same costing model applied to the successful tender submission. The duration of contract for these schools will not be increased and they will join the contract for the remaining contract period that exists at the point of entry into the Trust.

Aston Manor Academy, Birmingham, B6 4PZ:

A successful 11-18 mixed Academy in the heart of Birmingham, serving the inner-city communities of Aston, Handsworth and Nechells. A school with a long and established history of academic and co-curricular success, Aston Manor Academy continues to provide a wonderfully well-rounded education to bright, ambitious, and talented young people.

At Aston Manor Academy, pupils make remarkable progress academically which is well above the national average, and this continues to improve year on year. This is an outstanding achievement which is made possible by the hard work and dedication the staff and students make throughout the years.

Chilwell Croft Academy, Birmingham, B19 2QH:

Chilwell Croft Academy is a happy and vibrant school that provides children with an

innovative, relevant, and engaging curriculum. This enables our children to be curious, independent, and brave learners that are not afraid to take risks. Chilwell Croft Academy is a very happy and improving school for children aged four to eleven. The school currently has children on roll representing over 30 nationalities, speaking 40 different languages.

The staff feel privileged to serve such a strong and diverse community and we see the partnership we have with our parents as crucial to both the academic and personal success of each child.

Overview:

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

Please note, this is a Contract Award Notice, this contract has already 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

31 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Innovate Services Ltd

St Andrews House, West Street

Woking

GU21 6EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

National registration number

06420662

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £910,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,186,534.92

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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