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Contract

Barbican Centre Catering Services

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Barbican Centre Catering Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55520000 - Catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a concession contract.

The estimated post-tender contract value over the initial five (5) years term for Lot 1 and 2 is £46,266, 257, broken down as shown below:

Lot 1: £ 21,939,934

Lot 2: £23,326,323

The estimated Lot 3 contract extension value over two (2) years is £1,700,540.

Summary of requirements:

Lot 1 - Hospitality & Events

Food and Beverage delivery only.

Catering associated with events including the Barbican internal hospitality breaks down approximately:

Day time conference: 70%

Events evening/weekend with no associated meeting or conference: 25%

Other (discounted including Barbican internal hospitality):5%

Lot2 - Level G restaurant and foyer cafes

Level G assisted service restaurant attracting a consistent destination customer group made up of staff, local workers and residents and is populated by these users throughout the day for social occasions, meetings and as an outlet for take away service.

Level G and -1 café offering a good range of soft drinks, sandwiches, filled breads and snacks.

Lot 3 - Level 1 restaurant

This lot was withdrawn from the procurement, so we are not going to award the contract. Instead, we will proceed with a 2 years' extension of the contract with the incumbent (Searcys).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £46,266,257

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Hospitality & Events

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55520000 - Catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Catering associated with events including the Barbican internal hospitality breaks down approximately:

Day time conference: 70%

Events evening/weekend with no associated meeting or conference: 25%

Other (discounted including Barbican internal hospitality):5%

Historic data:

23/24

32 Events including

2 x Dinner events

9 Receptions

1 Large scale conference (1800 people)

6 Mid-size conferences (100-250 people)

14 Small conferences (10-99 people)

5615 attendees in total

22/23

28 Events including

3 Dinner events

12 Receptions

1 Large scale conference (1800 people)

3 x Mid-sized conference s (100-250 people)

9 Small conferences (10-99 people)

4470 attendees in total

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

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Level G Public Restaurant and Foyer Cafes

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55520000 - Catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Level G public restaurant:

This assisted service restaurant is capable of absorbing high volumes at times of peak demand. It is popular at lunchtime attracting a consistent destination customer group made up of staff, local workers and residents and is populated by these users throughout the day for social occasions, meetings and as an outlet for take away service. At weekends and during school holidays the Barbican Kitchen is the catering outlet most regularly taken up by families visiting the Barbican.

Level G café:

The café on level G sits at the centre of our ground floor foyer and is the catering outlet with the longest trading hours. We are not wedded to the idea of a branded coffee offer from this coffee point, but do want to ensure that the quality of the coffee range is commensurate with the best of independent coffee shops in the area. A good range of soft drinks, sandwiches, filled breads and snacks should also be available.

Level - 1 café:

This café opens according to programme operating chiefly around the Hall and Theatre though it does sometimes service Business Events. The range sold should be similar to that from Level G.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Level 1 Public Restaurant

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55520000 - Catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement for Lot 3 was withdrawn. Instead we have proceeded with a 2 years' extension of the contract with the incumbent.

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

2 years extension from 1st February 2025 to 31st January 2027.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Hospitality & Events

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Searcys

1 Bridges Court, York Road

London

SW11 3BB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £21,939,934

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Level G Public Restaurant and Foyer Cafes

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Searcys

1 Bridges Court, York Road

London

SW11 3BB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £23,326,323

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The term of this contract for Lot 1 and Lot 2 is for an initial period of five (5) years. There is an option to extend Lot 1 and Lot 2 contracts by up to two (2) years by the City of London Corporation.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Cabinet Office

70 Whitehall

London

SW1A 2AS

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

See VI.4.1) Review body field of this contract award notice

London

Country

United Kingdom