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Invitation To Tender (Framework Agreement) To Manage Catering Services at Northern Star Academies Trust

NORTHERN STAR ACADEMIES TRUST

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

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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

<http://www.redboxportal.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.redboxportal.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

Invitation To Tender (Framework Agreement) To Manage Catering Services at Northern Star Academies Trust

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Northern Star Academies Trust have decided to tender their catering services to investigate the financial and qualitative benefits they could be offered through this process.

In 2024, NSAT (9 Schools) merged with Nurture Academies Trust, a cluster of 6 Bradford/Keighley Primary Schools with an in-house catering function.

The original 7 NSAT Schools are based in Harrogate, Skipton & Keighley, and include a mix of Primaries (7) and Secondaries (2). Currently they outsource their catering service. The Trust wishes to bring all 15 Schools under central management.

Byron Primary School, Bradford

Denholme Primary School, Bradford

Eastwood Community School, Keighley

Greatwood Community Primary School, Skipton

Holycroft Primary School, Keighley

Hookstone Chase Primary School, Harrogate

Lapage Primary School, Bradford

Meadow Bank Community School, Bradford

New Park Primary School, Harrogate

Parkwood Primary School, Keighley

Starbeck Primary Academy, Harrogate

Victoria Primary School, Keighley

Willow Tree Community Primary School, Harrogate

Harrogate High School, Harrogate

Skipton Girls High School, Skipton

Aims of the Service

The Northern Star Academies Trust wish to be at the forefront of school catering and as such require a modern, branded offer that reflects the leading trends in the industry whilst adapting to a diverse demographic of customers.

At this time, the Trust's wish is to commence a catering contract, with a partner who shares their vision for a customer-focused service that attracts the maximum number of students. The meals that are to be provided must be appealing to customers, inclusive, imaginative, provide excellent value for money and be nutritionally balanced to encourage all students to make an educated choice.

The School's objectives for the new contract are as follows:-

- A catering service that is professionally managed and works in partnership with Business & Operations Leadership.
- A strong Contractor & Group/Area Manager who will develop and lead the team to deliver exceptional customer service, a consistently high-quality food offer and spend a substantial amount of time on site at the outset to undertake this.
- A Contractor who is proactive in their relationship management with the School/Trust.
- Flexible menus to fit local demographics
- Food education initiatives, pupil engagement and improved social dining experience
- Seasonal, locally sourced produce prioritised.

- Food and drinks that look appetising and are attractively presented.
- A service that is professionally merchandised and marketed with discretion and to the mutual benefit of the Trust and the Contractor.
- Natasha's Law (2021): Full allergen labelling on all pre-packed food.
- HMC Halal Compliance where required.
- To work with Schools to develop a social dining ethos leading to a higher number of students and staff using the facilities.
- A Contractor that adopts a flexible and proactive approach to all Trust activities, specifically involving student engagement at Primary & Secondary level within food education and skills development.
- A Contractor that is dedicated to supporting our local communities through Social Value enterprise and engagement activities.
- A Contractor that operates using the optimum level of staffing.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 15894210 - School meals

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Commercial & Qualitative evaluation, weighted 60% Quality, 40% commercial

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2x 1 year optional extensions

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2x 1 year optional extensions

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

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

30 May 2025

Local time

4:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

30 May 2025

Local time

4:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Red Box Consultancy Services

Harrogate

Country

United Kingdom