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## **Vale Academy Trust - Catering Services**

Vale Academy Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cb64

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.vale-academy.org/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/minervapcs.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/minervapcs.aspx/Home>

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Educational Institute

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Vale Academy Trust - Catering Services

Reference number

MPN-10189

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55524000 - School catering services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Vale Academy Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service. The services at the Trust schools are currently all in-house. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. There is one Secondary School and six Primary Schools out for tender of their catering services. Across the Trust schools in this tender there are currently 3,278 pupils on roll for the academic year 2020/2021. Of this figure, 712 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 442 to Free School Meals/Sixth Form Bursary. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. All members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,490,058

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Vale Academy Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service for seven of their eight schools in the Trust. The services at these Trust schools are currently all in-house. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of morning break at one sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. There is one Secondary School and six Primary Schools out for tender of their catering services. Across the Trust schools in this tender there are currently 3,278 pupils on roll for the academic year 2020/2021. Of this figure, 712 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 442 to Free School Meals/Sixth Form Bursary. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. All members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation. The Trust is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing. The Trust is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly.

### **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: £3,490,058

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Objective criteria is detailed in the tender document. A maximum of five suppliers will be taken forward to the Invitation to Tender stage of the process. Where less than five suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the Invitation to Tender stage. Where more than five suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the Invitation to Tender stage.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of 3 years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of 5 years.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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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

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## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

23 August 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

3 September 2021

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Further notices will be published in 2025, 2026 or 2027 dependent on the exercising of contract extension options. Adjust the years quoted to suit your project

### **VI.3) Additional information**

CPV code 55524000-9, falls within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as a Social and Other Specific Service, therefore the procurement procedure is governed by Section 7 of Part 2 (Regulations 74-77) of those Regulations.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom