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Planning

247400 De Montfort University Catering : Market Engagement Exercise 2025

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

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Scope

Reference

247400 De Montfort University Catering : Market Engagement Exercise 2025

Description

De Montfort University is undertaking Preliminary Market Engagement with the catering and hospitality market for an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our catering provision at the Leicester campus.

We are looking for operators to help realise our vision for a vibrant and inclusive catering offer. This will include a range of services across campus - such as food retail outlets, cafés, coffee shops, sandwich bars, hospitality for events, vending, seasonal and pop-up offers, and a campus retail shop - with a strong emphasis on quality, diversity, and innovation.

At this stage, any information gathered through this Exercise will inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and will NOT be appraised in

any future tender evaluation exercise. For the avoidance of doubt, this is the scoping phase and is not part of a formal procurement process

Please find attached a summary of the opportunity and details on how to get involved. We welcome interest from both local suppliers and larger operators.

If you provide a service or range of products that our students and staff would find appealing and exciting please contact us

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch at : procurement@dmu.ac.uk Or register on : <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home>. and provide your return to the opportunity on line

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 1 August 2029
- Possible extension to 1 August 2036
- 10 years, 1 month, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 39222000 - Catering supplies
- 39222100 - Disposable catering supplies
- 39310000 - Catering equipment
- 39311000 - Light catering equipment
- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

- 55520000 - Catering services
- 55523000 - Catering services for other enterprises or other institutions

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 May 2025

Engagement process description

Complete questionnaire

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 August 2025

Contracting authority

DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10001883

The Gateway

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)