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Contract

## **Maidstone Grammar School ~ Catering Tender**

Maidstone Grammar School

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038312

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

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

Maidstone Grammar School

Barton Road

Maidstone

ME15 7BT

#### **Email**

[tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1276673880

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.mgs.kent.sch.uk/>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Maidstone Grammar School ~ Catering Tender

**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 Maidstone Grammar School.

**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: £2,120,000

## II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Maidstone Grammar School will be celebrating its 475 anniversary in 2025. It is a boys' grammar school with girls in the sixth form. There are over 1400 students in the school and 130 staff. The Tender The tender project is seeking to appoint a Contractor whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of service within the existing facilities of the school with a focus on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The School would wish the successful contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly. There will be a requirement for the successful contractor to demonstrate a commitment to the 'Green Agenda.' The tender must also be able to demonstrate ways in which they will work in a positive way to not just reduce the school's carbon footprint but also to avoid including single use plastic in the contract. The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2026 with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years at the discretion of the client. This contract will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the School a guaranteed return / cost per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with the School for the duration of this contract. The School year is based on a calendar of 193 days. Three days are designated as staff professional development days. Although the School will be open for the legal minimum of 190 days there will be special events on at the School for up to five days when students are dismissed from school before lunch is served. Therefore the School should be fully open for 185 days. The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the School, which currently includes morning break, lunch, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free School meals are to be charged per pupil on uptake with a margin attached, and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost. Whilst the School prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, it is not obliged to accept the lowest price. The School expects the successful contractor to enable the continued development of catering through the provision of an innovative, healthy food service, with fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients being prepared on-site. The School expects the successful tenderer to evidence, through their bid, how they shall support and complement its values and support the principles of Every Child Matters. The School believes that success should be

celebrated and that pupils should enjoy their time at school; if lessons are stimulating and challenging then students will love learning. As a school who are continually seeking ways to improve and develop the ethos and environment for students and staff, to give them the facilities they deserve and need to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, any consideration regarding funding improvements as part of the Contractor's tender submission would be welcomed. Contract value: Sales performance per annum is circa £424,000 The value of the new contract is circa £2,120,000 (Total annual sales, multiplied by the maximum 5 year term of the contract) Other notes: •Please be advised that this contract will be let on a 3 + maximum of 2 years basis. •Please be advised that there are not any current catering staff in the LGPS •Please be advised that the catering service is currently contracted to Cucina •Please be advised that the School has a minimum requirement for a contractor's employers liability/ public liability and professional indemnity insurance of £10m •The minimum annual turnover that your company must have achieved to be considered for this opportunity is £1m

### **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

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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: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-031846](#)

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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**

5 May 2023

#### **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**

Cucina Restaurants Ltd

St Andrews House West Street

Woking

GU21 6EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

National registration number

05655703

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: £2,448,526

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,120,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement. It will be the supplier's responsibility to obtain any necessary documents in order to submit a response by the closing date and time.

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

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

Maidstone Grammar School

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