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Contract

Alban Academies Trust ~ Catering Tender

Ridgeway Academy
Verulam School
Ridgeway Academy
Sandringham School
Garden Fields JMI School
Wheatfields Infants and Nursery School
Wheatfields Junior School
Skyswood Primary and Nursery School

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

Verulam School

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Hertfordshire

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<https://ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Sandringham School

The Ridgeway, St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL4 9NX

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

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<https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Garden Fields JMI School

Townsend Drive

St Albans

AL3 5RL

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/contact/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Wheatfields Infants and Nursery School

Downes Road, St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL4 9NT

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Wheatfields Junior School

Downes Road, St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL4 9NT

Email

tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://wheatfieldsjm.herts.sch.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Skyswood Primary and Nursery School

Chandlers Road, St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL4 9RS

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Country

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<https://www.skyswood.herts.sch.uk/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

Alban Academies Trust ~ 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 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 all schools, with a focus on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The Schools would wish the successful contractor to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly.

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: £9,101,041.5

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2027 with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years at the discretion of the client. This is with the exception of Sandringham School where the contract will start from 1st August 2025 for a duration of two years 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 Trust for the duration of this contract.

The School year at all schools is based on a calendar of 195 days. Five days are to be used for staff professional development which means that School will be open to receive students for the legal minimum of 190 days. Verulam School has additional days where they have no lunch service: Abbey Service (Autumn Term), Open Evening (Autumn Term) & Verulympics (Summer Term).

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 with a margin attached and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost.

Whilst the Trust prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, it is not obliged to accept the lowest price.

The Trust 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 Trust 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 Trust 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.

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

This is a Contract Award Notice. This contract has already been awarded.

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

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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

19 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Culinera Limited

12 The Broadway

Amersham

HP7 0HP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

National registration number

12382186

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £8,050,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £9,101,041.5

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. The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this contract notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time. The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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