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Contract

## **Dorset Cluster ~ Catering Tender**

Highcliffe School  
Tanners Brook Primary school  
Portswood Primary School  
The Purbeck School  
Sturminster Newton High School  
The Blandford School

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Highcliffe School  
  
Parkside, Highcliffe  
  
Christchurch  
  
BH23 4QD

#### **Email**

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

#### **Telephone**

+44 1276673880

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK25 - Dorset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.highcliffe.school/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Tanners Brook Primary school

Elmers Drive, Millbrook

Southampton

SO15 4PF

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ32 - Southampton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.tannersbrookpri.org.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Portswood Primary School

Somerset Road

Southampton

SO17 3AA

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ32 - Southampton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.portswoodpri.org.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

The Purbeck School

Worgret Road

Wareham

BH20 4PF

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK25 - Dorset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.purbeck.dorset.sch.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Sturminster Newton High School

Bath Road

Sturminster Newton

DT10 1DT

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK25 - Dorset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.mysnhs.net/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

The Blandford School

Milldown Road

Blandford Forum

DT11 7SQ

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK25 - Dorset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://blandfordschool.org.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

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Dorset Cluster ~ Catering Tender

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55524000 - School catering services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

This tender comprises 4 secondary and 2 primary schools in Dorset. Three schools are in the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Southampton and Portsmouth Multi Academy Trust (HISP), plus three other secondary schools that are currently in a catering contract together

Schools included: •HISP Trust - Highcliffe School •HISP Trust - Tanners Brook Primary School •HISP Trust - Portswood Primary School •The Purbeck School •Sturminster Newton High School •The Blandford 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: £3,278,809

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset
- UKJ32 - Southampton

Main site or place of performance

Dorset,Southampton

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

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 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. 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 clients. 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 Schools for the duration of this contract.

The School year 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 . The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the Schools, which currently includes a range of 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 Schools prioritise value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, it is not obliged to accept the lowest price. The Schools expect 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 Schools expect 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 Schools believe 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 schools 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: The value of the new contract is circa £1,140, 000 per annum, so £5,700,000 over the maximum 5-year term of this contract Other notes: •Please be advised that this contract will be let on a 3 + 2 years basis. •Please be advised that the Schools have 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 •Please note that whilst the objective is to appoint one contractor for all schools, each school reserves the right to take their own appointment decision and each school reserves the right not to appoint as a result of this process. •HISP is a growing Trust. Should any existing or new schools join the Trust and express an interest in joining this catering contract, they may do so at the discretion of the clients. See SQ Document for more information.

## **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 000-032697](#)

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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**

26 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**

Aspens Services Ltd

Ground Floor, Teme House Whittington Hall Whittington Road

Whittington



Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

National registration number

06561073

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: £5,700,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,278,809

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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**

Highcliffe School

Parkside, Highcliffe, Christchurch

Dorset

BH23 4QD

Country

United Kingdom