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Pipeline

School Meals Catering

London Borough of Merton

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Scope

Description

Provision of School Meals Catering Service - referred to as the 'Service' - is currently delivered across 42 Merton Primary and Special schools within the borough. The supplier will provide catering for school pupils and staff primarily (but not necessarily exclusively) during the lunchtime period. The Service is currently provided to up to 39 primary schools and 3 special schools situated on 44 sites within the London Borough of Merton.

The supplier would provide healthy and nutritious meals for each school, freshly cooked each day on site using high quality ingredients in accordance with a termly menu agreed with the Council and the schools.

Additional services for further sites may be required.

Under the terms of the Contract, the supplier would also be responsible for the maintenance (but not replacement) of kitchen equipment.

Total value (estimated)

- £19,950,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 1 August 2032
- Possible extension to 1 August 2034
- 7 years, 7 months, 1 day

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

London Borough of Merton

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government