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Tender

Southport Learning Trust ~ Catering Tender

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Scope

Description

The successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering services for Southport Learning Trust for the following schools:

Birkdale High School Windy Harbour Road, Southport PR8 3DT

Greenbank High School 13 Hastings Rd., Southport PR8 2LT

Maghull High School - to join contract September 2026 43 Gainsborough Avenue, Liverpool L31 7AW

Meols Cop High School 4 Bretton Fold, Southport PR8 6JS

Stanley High School Fleetwood Rd, Southport PR9 9TF

Kew Woods Primary Ovington Drive 30, Southport PR8 6JW

Merefield School Westminster Drive, Southport, PR8 2QZ

Range High School - to join contract April 2028
Caretakers House Stapleton Road, Formby
L37 2YN

The contract will be for three years commencing April 2026 with the option to extend for a further two years

Contract value = £6.6 Million (5 years) excluding Range High School

Expressions of interest are welcomed from organisations that can demonstrate experience in providing catering services to schools and who can provide the resource in the area to support the contract.

There will be a small number of staff who are in the local government pension scheme. Admitted body status will therefore be required.

Participation Stage - suppliers must meet the conditions of participation set out in this Tender Notice to advance to the tender stage of the competition and also submit a signed Non-Disclosure Agreement. The contracting authority intends to select a maximum of six suppliers to advance to the tender stage, based on the six highest scoring supplier responses to the additional questions set out in the Procurement Specific Questionnaire. The deadline for supplier submissions will be 9th June 2025.

The intention would be that the 3 highest scoring companies from the tender stage will advance to presentation stage. Suppliers will not be selected to present if they would not be able to achieve an overall higher score than the top bidder if the former scored maximum marks and the latter scored no marks in the presentations.

About The Trust

Southport Learning Trust is an ambitious organisation with its roots in the coastal town of Southport. Each of our schools are unique beacons of aspiration in their communities, our connectivity as a Trust makes us even stronger. The Trust is growing steadily but sensibly and it is expected that additional schools will join the catering contract over the life of the contract.

The Trust's core values are:

Collaboration - through powerful connectivity we harness the collective excellence of the schools across our Trust to maximise the impact we have on all of our students,

Equity - a commitment to overcoming all barriers ensuring all of our students excel throughout their lives,

Sustainability - taking our responsibilities seriously to consistently be a self-improving

system to positively impact the future generations of our communities,

Innovation- through innovative thinking and the agility to respond to opportunities, our school communities will have access to powerful networks.

Our desire is for strong Local Governing Bodies focused whole heartedly on improving the life chances of children supported by an experienced and diverse Trust Board as set out within the parameters of our scheme of delegation. All schools growing into our family of schools are expected to commit to our vision and values and the spirit of collaboration and professional generosity that characterises our Trust.

We are determined to demonstrate that local schools, working together and growing with talented leadership and staff, can create the conditions for all our students, no matter what their starting point, to achieve the combination of skills, qualities, qualifications and aptitudes that will enable them to thrive in a complex world.

We are growing as a Well School Trust ensuring we have a commitment to support the wellbeing of all members of our community.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Southport:-School-catering-services./26W65B3928>

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Total value (estimated)

- £660,000 excluding VAT
- £660,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 June 2025, 1:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

29 August 2025, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/26W65B3928>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

21 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Long criteria description	Quality	70%
Cost	Long criteria description	Cost	30%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Please see SQ document timetable for further information on this process.

Contracting authority

Southport Learning Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMMP-1647-PZNQ

Birkdale High School, Windy Harbour Road

Southport

PR8 3DT

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Region: UKD73 - Sefton

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government