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Contract

## **St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust ~ Catering Tender**

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03845a

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

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

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust

c/o St Mary's Catholic School, Windhill

Bishop's Stortford

CM23 2NQ

#### **Email**

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

#### **Telephone**

+44 1276673880

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy 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 successful Supplier will be required to provide catering services for St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust,

**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: £1,082,134.39

## 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

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust was formed on 1st September 2021 when 8 Catholic Schools based in Hertfordshire came together to form a Catholic Academy Trust. The Trust's key goal is the provision of a strong Catholic Education for its students and its mission is "Inspired by the teachings of Christ and the example of St Francis, we strive for excellence, cherishing every child in our care as a unique thumbprint of God, enabling all to realise their full potential." The Trust strives to improve the quality of education at a lower per pupil cost therefore we are currently looking to tender for our catering to ensure we receive healthy and inspiring meals for a reasonable cost that is good value for money. St Mary's Catholic School St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Bishop's Stortford) St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Waltham Cross) Sacred Heart Catholic primary School St Cross Catholic Primary School St Augustine's Catholic Primary School St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School 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 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. The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 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 Schools 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 Schools 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 (where applicable); 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 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. 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: Sales performance per annum for all schools is circa £421,127 The value of the new contract is therefore circa £2,105,635 (Total annual sales at all schools, multiplied by 5 as the maximum term of the contract is 5 years)

#### **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 000-032280](#)

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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**

22 June 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

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

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

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: £2,105,635

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,082,134.39

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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**

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