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Contract

## **River Learning Trust - Catering Services**

River Learning Trust

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-023077

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02904b

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

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

River Learning Trust

c/o Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road,

Kidlington

OX5 2NT

#### **Contact**

Lorraine Ashover

#### **Email**

[tenders@minervapcs.com](mailto:tenders@minervapcs.com)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1256467107

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://riverlearningtrust.org/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Education institute

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Catering Services

Reference number

MPN-10162

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 55524000 - School catering services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

River Learning Trust are currently out to tender for the provision of Catering Services. The Contractors will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the schools. This will consist of breakfast, morning break, after school club a full lunch service for each school day. The Trust has chosen to offer the contracts through a number of Lots. Bidders are able to bid on one, some or all Lots. The Lots have been constructed to maximise competition, to enable bidders of all types to submit and with consideration of the school types and geographic locations. It is important for bidders to note that whilst the schools have been allocated in Lots it is imperative that their own individual requirements are considered and delivered on. Full details for every school are contained in the tender documentation.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £16,011,381

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 1

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

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

Lot 1: The Oxford Academy, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6JZ  
Wheatley Park School, Holton, Oxford, OX33 1QH  
Please see tender documentation for full details of each school's requirements.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 2

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

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

Lot 2:Gosford Hill School, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 2NTChipping Norton School, Burford Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5DYPlease see tender documentation for full details of each school's requirements.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

#### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 3

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

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

Lot 3 Kingsdown School Seven Fields Primary School Please see tender documentation for full details of each school's requirements

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 4

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

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

Lot 4The Cherwell SchoolThe Swan SchoolPlease see tender documentation for full details of each school's requirements.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible

extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 5

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

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

Lot 5The Marlborough SchoolPlease see tender documentation for full details of the school's requirements

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 6

Lot No

6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in the tender documentation

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

Lot 6 Beckley CofE Primary School Cutteslowe Primary School Garsington CofE Primary School Horspath Primary School Larkrise Primary School New Marston Primary School Rose Hill Primary School Sandhills Primary School Wolvercote Primary School Please see tender documentation for full details of each school's requirements.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents / Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River Learning Trust - Lot 7

Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

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

Lot 7Charlbury Primary SchoolEdith Moorhouse Primary SchoolMadley Brook CP SchoolMiddle Barton SchoolTower Hill Community Primary SchoolWindrush Primary School (not yet open)Witney Community Primary SchoolPlease see tender documentation for full details of each school's requirements.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /  
Weighting: 85

Price - Weighting: 15

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years.

### **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**

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

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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: [2021/S 000-002276](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 July 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Edwards and Ward Ltd

The Old Stables, Whitehill Road,

Crowborough

TN6 1JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Internet address

[www.edwardsandward.co.uk](http://www.edwardsandward.co.uk)

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: £2,555,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,152,047

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 July 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Edwards and Ward Ltd

The Old Stables, Whitehill Road

Crowborough

TN6 1JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Internet address

[www.edwardsandward.co.uk](http://www.edwardsandward.co.uk)

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: £1,850,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,328,992

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 July 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Harrison Catering Services Limited

Oxford House, Oxford Road

Thame

OX9 2AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Internet address

[www.harrisoncatering.co.uk](http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk)

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: £1,135,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,428,985

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

4

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 July 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Culinera Limited

4 Market Square

Amersham

HP7 0DQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Internet address

<https://www.culinera.co.uk/>

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: £2,610,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,165,904

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

5

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

6

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 July 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Dolce Ltd

Dolce Ltd, Lowton Business Park, Newton Road

Lowton

WA3 2AN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD61 - Warrington

Internet address

[www.dolce.co.uk](http://www.dolce.co.uk)

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: £2,755,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,000,688

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

River Learning Trust

### **Lot No**

7

### **Title**

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 July 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Dolce Ltd

Dolce Ltd, Lowton Business Park, Newton Road

Lowton

WA3 2AN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD61 - Warrington

Internet address

[www.dolce.co.uk](http://www.dolce.co.uk)

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: £1,630,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,934,765

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

River Learning Trust incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom