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## **Pool Academy ~ Catering Tender**

Pool Academy

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Pool Academy

Church Road, Pool

Cornwall

TR15 3PZ

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Cornwall:-School-catering-services./T57W38XMX9>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

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#### **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 Pool Academy.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,184,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Main site or place of performance

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

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

Pool Academy is a state funded school for students aged 11 to 16 from the Camborne, Pool and Redruth area of Cornwall. It has a student capacity of 1,050 and currently has 573 on roll with a growth plan which will increase student numbers to 800 over the next 4 years. Pool Academy's core values: Aspiration, Belonging and Respect are at the heart of

everything the school does. Pool Academy has the highest aspirations for all students, mirrored with the very highest expectations, ensuring learning is maximised and students thrive in an environment personalised for them. Pool Academy believes that access to good quality food and dining options can have a direct impact on student learning and behaviour and is seeking a catering contractor that will partner with the school and deliver the very best for its students.

The contract covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the School, which also includes all hospitality and free issue requirements.

The duration of the contract being offered is for an initial three-year period commencing on 1 April 2023, with the potential to extend for a further two 12-month periods. This extension will be granted by mutual consent and on the same terms and conditions as the original contract without the right to further extend beyond the full five years.

The contract being offered within this tender will be on a guaranteed performance basis, with an expected profit share of any betterment to the agreed budget.

Pool Academy is seeking a suitably experienced education catering contractor who is able to evidence working with Secondary Schools in the Southwest region. The successful contractor will already have or need to develop a strong operational base within the local vicinity, thus allowing for both adequate contract support and operational flexibility that is to be delivered to support the contract as and when needed moving forwards into this contractual term.

The services are currently outsourced and TUPE is expected to apply. A number of the current employees are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and, in this instance, the successful contractor will be expected to gain Admitted Body Status (ABS) in order to continue contributing to the scheme.

The School wishes to achieve as a result of this tender process:

- 1.The provision of a healthy, balanced menu that meets nutritional guidelines and is enjoyed by all users of the service. This menu should be inclusive of those with special dietary requirements.
- 2.An enhanced range of freshly made food and beverage items for sale, to include meal deal options priced to be inclusive for free school meals students.
- 3.An innovative and flexible menu that is in keeping with current food trends. Offering frequent themed menus and initiatives that support the curriculum and various school led activities, ensuring the food offer remains varied and enticing to its customers.
- 4.All meals should be based on the use of fresh ingredients and bakery products, making

use of the abundant, local supply chain within Cornwall.

It is expected that experienced and insightful contract management will promote good levels of communication and engagement with the School. A suitable marketing campaign to the students, staff and parents alike is imperative to promote the uptake of meals.

There are multiple service outlets across the School site which are open to differing student bases, these should be tailored to suit the needs of the various students and staff utilising each outlet.

This enhanced service should be supported by a well-trained catering team at the school, with a focus by the successful contractor on both craft training and customer service.

Please See the SQ document for more information.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,184,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2023

End date

31 March 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A minimum of 5 suppliers and a maximum of 10 suppliers will be taken forward to the tender stage of the process. Where less than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the tender stage. Where more than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the tender stage.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

4 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

5 December 2022

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this contract notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time.

The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity.

The contracting authority will consider variant bids, evaluating them (so far as the variant or the evaluation of the variant is in the opinion of the contracting authority practicable) on the same basis as a conforming bid, but shall not be obliged to accept any such bid in preference to a conforming bid even if the variant bid scores more highly. No variant will be considered unless the bidder simultaneously submits a conforming bid.

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

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

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

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United Kingdom