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Opportunity

## **Leigh Academies Trust ~ Catering Services Tender**

Leigh Academies Trust

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Leigh Academies Trust

C/O Carnation Road, Strood, Rochester

Kent

ME2 2SX

#### **Email**

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

#### **Telephone**

+44 1276673880

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ4 - Kent

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://leighacademiustrust.org.uk/>

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/VUDTU693G6>

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**

Leigh Academies Trust ~ Catering Services 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 Leigh Academies Trust, at the following sites:

Bearsted Primary Academy

Cherry Orchard Primary Academy

Dartford Primary Academy - York Road Site

Dartford Primary Academy - St Albans Road Site

Eastcote Primary Academy

Hartley Primary Academy

High Halstow Primary Academy

Horsmonden Primary Academy

Langley Park Primary Academy

Marden Primary Academy

Molehill Primary Academy

Oaks Primary Academy

Paddock Wood Primary Academy

Peninsula East Primary Academy

Tree Tops Primary Academy

Hayesbrook Academy

Hundred of Hoo Academy

Leigh Academy Blackheath

Leigh Academy Rainham

Longfield Academy

Mascalls Academy

Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Stationers' Crown Woods Academy

Strood Academy

The Halley Academy

The Leigh Academy

The Leigh UTC

Wilmington Academy

Milestone Academy

Snowfields Academy - Bearsted site

Snowfields Academy - Cranbrook site

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

Value excluding VAT: £36,197,964

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

LONDON,SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)

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

Leigh Academies Trust is a non-profit making charitable company limited by guarantee, based in Strood, Medway. The Trust exists to support and assist schools to build upon their existing strengths and to help them achieve rapid educational transformation. It has significant experience in running schools, and today includes both sponsored academies and schools which have chosen to convert to Academy status.

The Trust was formed in 2008 with the linking of the Leigh Technology Academy and Longfield Academy under one governing body. Today, we encompass more than 20,000 students between the ages of 2 months and 19 in 30 primary, secondary and special academies including one all-through academy and one grammar school.

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 for the 20,000 students on roll and 2,000 teaching and support staff, with a focus on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The Trust 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 and will operate as a Guaranteed Performance Contract, with the successful Contractor offering the School a guaranteed return / cost per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with Leigh Academies Trust for the duration of this contract.

The academic year is based on a calendar of approximately 190 days with each academy

setting their own calendar.

The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the Trust, which currently includes morning break, lunch, after school provision, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free School Meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost.

Of particular note for this contract is Milestone Academy, a special academy which caters for pupils as young as 2 years old up to sixth form age, some of whom have severe special needs and therefore an inclusive and often individual approach to catering is required.

Whilst Leigh Academies Trust prioritises value for money as a key objective of the Competitive Tender Process, it is not obliged to accept the lowest price.

See SQ Document for further details.

### **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: £36,197,964

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

Start date

1 September 2023

End date

31 August 2030

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

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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

11 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:

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Kent:-School-catering-services./VUDTU693G6>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

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

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

Leigh Academies Trust

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

