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Equitas Academies Trust ~ Catering Tender

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://equitasacademiustrust.com/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/B53W2UQACZ>

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

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 Equitas Academies Trust.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £910,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering services for Equitas Academies Trust.

Equitas Academies Trust was formed in 2011 on the belief that we can inspire our children for the years beyond their time within education. The Trust currently comprises two schools. Our Trust Board must maintain stability while there is a fast-changing educational landscape. We have strategic aspirations for modest growth as a Trust.

Our pupils are guided and motivated in achieving their diverse aspirations by dedicated and passionate teachers, men and women who care deeply about the welfare of their students and have the skills in their subjects possessing the ability to impart that same knowledge and passion to others.

Our schools have a strong reputation for providing an excellent education for all its pupils in a friendly and caring environment. Pupils' wellbeing is at the forefront of what we do at Equitas, and all staff are committed to ensuring every child's needs are met.

Our schools cater for children of all abilities in a well-disciplined environment and through a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Our staff are highly qualified, experienced, and committed to ensuring that every pupil reaches his or her potential.

The Equitas Academies Trust is expected to grow with a number of additional schools becoming part of the Trust during this contract period and the provision of catering services at these schools when they have joined the Trust will fall under the scope of this contract. Similarly, Schools with alternative catering provisions currently in place could fall into scope of this contract as their current catering arrangements end. The successful Supplier will be expected to provide this service at these additional schools using the same costing model applied to the successful tender submission. The duration of contract for these schools will not be increased and they will join the contract for the remaining contract period that exists at the point of entry into the Trust.

Aston Manor Academy, Birmingham, B6 4PZ:

A successful 11-18 mixed Academy in the heart of Birmingham, serving the inner-city communities of Aston, Handsworth and Nechells. A school with a long and established history of academic and co-curricular success, Aston Manor Academy continues to provide a wonderfully well-rounded education to bright, ambitious, and talented young people.

At Aston Manor Academy, pupils make remarkable progress academically which is well above the national average, and this continues to improve year on year. This is an outstanding achievement which is made possible by the hard work and dedication the staff and students make throughout the years.

Chilwell Croft Academy, Birmingham, B19 2QH:

Chilwell Croft Academy is a happy and vibrant school that provides children with an innovative, relevant, and engaging curriculum. This enables our children to be curious, independent, and brave learners that are not afraid to take risks. Chilwell Croft Academy is a very happy and improving school for children aged four to eleven. The school currently has children on roll representing over 30 nationalities, speaking 40 different languages.

The staff feel privileged to serve such a strong and diverse community and we see the partnership we have with our parents as crucial to both the academic and personal success of each child.

Overview:

See 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: £910,000

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

Start date

1 August 2025

End date

31 July 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

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

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

1 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

2 December 2024

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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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