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## **HCC Nov 2021 - The Supply of Fresh Produce**

Hertfordshire Catering Limited

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

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

Hertfordshire Catering Limited

Mundells

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#### **Contact**

Strategic Procurement Group

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

TBC

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Hertfordshire Catering Limited (HCL) is carrying out Pre-Procurement Market Engagement ('PPME') in relation to The Supply of Fresh Produce. HCL will consider the feedback received to help inform their options and further decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and HCL is not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process. Participation or non-participation in the PPME shall not prevent any supplier participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the PPME shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process. Participation in the PPME will be at each organisation's own cost. No expense in responding to this PPME will be reimbursed by HCL.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

Hertfordshire Catering Limited (hereinafter referred to as HCL), limited by shares and wholly owned by Hertfordshire County Council, is committed to delivering excellence in catering to schools, business and industry throughout Hertfordshire and surrounding areas. HCL presently delivers a catering service in circa 393 primary schools and 41 secondary schools along with 11 commercial units. Their vision is to become first choice in catering. HCL is dedicated to consistently delivering an exemplary service, by focusing on improving their customers' experience with every meal. HCL currently has an existing contract in place for the supply of fresh produce, but this will expire soon. The current contract covers the full range of fruits, vegetables, dairy, seasonings and spices. This Pre-Procurement Market Engagement (PPME) provides an opportunity to research the options that are available in the market which have the potential to meet our needs and enhance our menu as a whole. This is an opportunity for HCL to engage with the market to establish the potential variety of fresh produce which may be available and to explore new ideas that meet HCL's requirements as stated above.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

22 November 2021

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

To access the PPME documentation please visit [www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk) and follow the on-screen guidance. To participate in this PPME, organisations must submit their completed Supplier Questionnaire, together with any supporting documents, through the In-Tend system by the return deadline of 12.00 Noon on Tuesday 14th December 2021. Please make sure that you have submitted your Supplier Questionnaire following the instructions above. The Council will not be held accountable for any errors made by an organisation in submitting their Supplier Questionnaire. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk) or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00.