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Maidstone Grammar School for Girls - 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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Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Maidstone:-School-catering-services./F9W9SW5U3C>

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 supplier is to provide excellent catering services at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,804,140

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, or 'MGGS', as it is more often known, has a strong community spirit which is underpinned by our belief that the happiness of all our students is key to enabling them to succeed. We have been providing an academic education for

girls (and boys in the Sixth Form) from the town of Maidstone, and its surrounding area for over 135 years.

As an outstanding school we are 'A forward-thinking community with a tradition of excellence', ensuring we develop young adults of character, who are able to flourish as adults in today's society.

Our academic curriculum at MGGS provides students with outstanding examination results year on year and we seek a catering partner who will mirror and support our excellent standards.

Further information with regards to the school can be obtained here:

<https://www.mggs.org>

Tender information:

The successful tenderer will be required to provide catering services to MGGS.

The contract term being tendered is for three years, 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2028. There is an option for a further extension period for up to two additional years to 31st March 2030.

The contract offers an excellent opportunity to review and propose enhancements to the current catering services at the School. This includes but is not limited to; breakfast, morning break, lunchtime and after school services, over the academic year of 190 days.

The school is keen to secure a high quality catering service including fresh locally sourced ingredients prepared on site, with a menu design that is flexible to suit the requirements of the school's specific students. The school is proud of its 'family ethos' and expects both a tightly managed service and a management style delivered by the successful contractor that supports, encourages and develops the catering staff. The school is also keen to ensure the caterer provides efficient and effective 'back of house' systems and has a tight control over its accurate financial reporting.

The school is not obliged to accept the lowest price submitted for this tender, rather the school is keen to secure 'best value' from this contract and to deliver 'best value' to its students. Innovative and creative ideas as to how the services can be developed and value added, will be welcomed. The school seeks a contractor that is keen to work in partnership and who will deliver to its highest abilities, at all times. The contract shall be a guaranteed performance contract with any hospitality requirements billed separately

Additional requirements and information:

?The School has a minimum requirement for a contractor's employers' liability and public liability insurance of £5 million

?The minimum annual turnover that your company must have achieved to be considered for this opportunity is £1 million

?There are no incumbent catering staff currently within the Local Government Pension Scheme

?The catering services are currently contracted to Impact Food Group (Cucina)

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: £1,804,140

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

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 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:

Only candidates that meet the minimum selection criteria will progress to tender stage. A minimum of 5 candidates (or less, in the event less than 5 meet the minimum criteria) and a maximum of 10 candidates, will progress.

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

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

25 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

8 November 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.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.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to appoint as a result of this tender process and/ or to cancel this tender process at any time

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

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To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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