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Contract

Tenterden Schools Trust - Catering Services

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b608

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Tenterden Schools Trust

Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre, Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LT

Tenterden

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.tenterden-schools-trust.com/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Education Institute

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Tenterden Schools Trust - Catering Services

Reference number

MPN-10302

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Tenterden Schools Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service. The services at the Trust are a mix of outsourced provision with some schools receiving a delivered in service. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of breakfast and morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. The catering facilities at the schools include the main dining areas and servery, some sites also have a delivered in service. Across the Trust there are currently 2,573 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 209 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 700 to Free School Meals. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the catering team are members of the LGPS and all details are in the tender documents.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £6,200,042.6

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tenterden Schools Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service. The services at the Trust are a mix of outsourced provision and delivered in services. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of breakfast and morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites (delivered in service requirements - please refer to the tender documentation). The catering facilities at the school include the main dining areas and servery, plus some sites

also have a hot and cold Grab and Go section. Across the Trust there are currently 2,573 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 209 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 700 to Free School Meals. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation. The Trust is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing. The Trust is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly. Please allow sufficient time to make your return as late returns will not be accepted. Any questions relating to this tender should be made via the correspondence section of this website.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /
Weighting: 90

Price - Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of 3 years with 2 possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of 5 years.

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

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of 3 years as well as the 2 optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Tenterden Schools Trust

Title

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aspens Services Ltd

Ground Floor, Teme House, Whittington Hall

Whittington, Worcestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Internet address

www.aspens-services.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £746,087

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,200,042.6

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Tenterden Schools Trust incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).