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Contract

Abingdon Learning Trust - Grounds Maintenance Services

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b731

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.abingdonlearningtrust.org/>

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**

Abingdon Learning Trust - Grounds Maintenance Services

Reference number

MPN-10305

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Abingdon Learning Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a grounds maintenance service which are currently outsourced. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a grounds maintenance service for the Trust. This will consist of services for each school across all three sites. There is a combined total of 117,807m² (entire school site square meterage) and 31,305m² Building Footprint across all three sites with a total of 2,226 pupils on roll. TUPE/LGPS does not apply to this tender. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of skilled ground maintenance operatives providing an efficient and timely maintenance service.

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: £233,080

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Fitzharrys School, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1NP
John Mason School, Wootton Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1JB
Rush Common School, Hendred Way, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 2AW

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Abingdon Learning Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of Grounds Maintenance service. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of the Trust Grounds

Maintenance service for the three schools within the Trust. TUPE and LGPS does not apply.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /
Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Abingdon Learning Trust

Title

Grounds Maintenance Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Limited

Neighbourly Training Centre, Building 4, Brackley Campus, Brackley

Northamptonshire

NN13 7EL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Internet address

www.countrywidegrounds.com

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: £233,080

Total value of the contract/lot: £138,125.5

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

Abingdon Learning 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).