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Tender

CBC-1805-T-TS Catering Services - Three School Sites

Central Bedfordshire Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

UK Suppliers section amended

Scope

Description

School Catering Services - Three Sites

John Donne Lower School

St Swithuns Lower School

Maple Tree Primary School

Please read and follow the information and guidance supplied below and within the Tender documents, this will help with your tender submission.

Word count limits apply, any information going over will not be considered.

Respond to ALL questions.

Additional documents or information not required will be disregarded.

Please note timeline with regards to questions and submission dates.

All communications, correspondences and clarifications must be sent via the In-tend portal.

Do not contact the Service area for information, please use the correspondence facility

Regularly view the Clarification tab for updates or responses to questions received by bidders.

Questions asked together with the response, will be made available to all bidders (if not Private and Confidential), this to ensure a fair and consistent approach to all. Avoid uploading your return just prior to closing deadline as you may incur IT issues and we will not accept Tender Returns via e-mail.

The Council will provide as much support and information as it can to help guide you through the Tender process. If there is anything you are not sure of or need clarification on, please contact the Procurement lead using the correspondence facility within the In-tend electronic tendering system.

Opting In

To inform us of your decision to participate and to be able to submit a tender you will be required to Opt In. Opting In will confirm to us of your involvement and your intention to submit a tender return.

Opting Out

Will confirm that you are no longer interested in submitting a tender return. You will be

able to provide a reason as to your decision if you wish. This will cease any system-generated communications. You will be able to opt back in at any point.

Target contract commencement date: 5th January 2026

Contract term: 2 years +1+1 optional

Total value (estimated)

- £374,000 excluding VAT
- £448,800 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 4 January 2027
- Possible extension to 3 January 2029
- 2 years, 11 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

Catering Service for three school sites

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services

- 55524000 - School catering services

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

UK suppliers

Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 July 2025, 12:59am

Tender submission deadline

21 July 2025, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Quality 60% and Cost 40% Weighting Split

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire.aspx/Home>

Tender documents can be viewed and accessed on the supplier portal In-tend.

Contracting authority

Central Bedfordshire Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government