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Planning

Market Engagement – Future Catering Services Contract (2026), City of Glasgow College

City of Glasgow College

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00453

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

Market Engagement – Future Catering Services Contract (2026), City of Glasgow College

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55520000 - Catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

City of Glasgow College is preparing for the re-procurement of its catering services contract, due to commence in August 2026. The College operates a multi-site catering environment including refectories, coffee shops, hospitality catering, vending, and retail services across its City and Riverside campuses.

We are undertaking this early market engagement exercise to gather supplier insights into:

- Pricing strategies and financial models appropriate for the further education sector
- Sustainable, affordable, and inclusive catering solutions
- Market trends and innovations
- Value-added community benefits

This process is intended to help us shape the procurement strategy, contract structure, and service model to reflect both market capability and the needs of our students, staff, and visitors.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services
- 55510000 - Canteen services
- 55520000 - Catering services
- 55523000 - Catering services for other enterprises or other institutions
- 55330000 - Cafeteria services
- 55300000 - Restaurant and food-serving services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM8 - West Central Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Cathedral Street, Glasgow

Thistle Street, Glasgow

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Scope of the Future Tender (indicative):

- Multi-outlet food and beverage provision across two Campuses (Cathedral Street & Thistle Street, Glasgow)
- Hospitality and events catering
- Vending services
- Sustainable supply chains and waste management

- Social and community benefit initiatives

Key Topics for Feedback:

- Pricing Models (e.g., fixed price, nil subsidy, cost-plus, turnover commission, hybrid)
- Approaches to managing cost volatility (inflation, food costs)
- Financial transparency (e.g., open book accounting)
- Social value contributions and sustainability initiatives
- Innovations in technology, payment systems, and customer experience

Supplier Response:

Interested catering providers are invited to access and complete the linked Market Engagement Questionnaire, providing their insight and feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WsF9rjP0Rj>

Responses should be submitted via Public Contracts Scotland by Friday, 25th July 2025.

There will be no evaluation of suppliers or scoring at this stage. This process is solely to inform our procurement approach. Participation is entirely optional and does not form part of any subsequent tender evaluation.

II.2.14) Additional information

Anticipated contract start date: August 2026

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 November 2025

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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