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Tender

Thornton Primary School ~ 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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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Internet address(es)

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://litmustms.co.uk/respond/563N22U65H>

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 successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering services for Thornton Primary School.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering services for Thornton Primary School.

The catering service provision at the schools has been operated by Miquill and has not been market tested for 3 years. To ensure Best Value principles are applied the Headteacher and School Governors have made a decision to tender the catering service.

Thornton Primary School has 480 pupils (2024-25 roll); there are entitled to 240 FSM

The Vision:

At Thornton Primary School every child is just as important as the next. In short, every child matters. Everyone at Thornton is committed to providing a caring and friendly school, a happy place to learn because happy children make engaged learners.

Thornton Primary School is an inclusive community and we promote tolerance and respect for all. We value the individual contributions our pupils bring to school and we encourage and support them to fulfil their potential.

Our aim as a school is to provide a warm, friendly, atmosphere in a safe, caring environment, where children will be happy and successful. To achieve this, it is important that the school and home work positively together in partnership. This partnership is built through a regular dialogue between parents, child and school.

The School wishes to offer healthy and nutritious eating options within the menu, to include equally for all diets in terms of quality and choice, encompassing omnivorous, vegetarian, vegan and halal diets. The menu should be based on the use of fresh ingredients and bakery products.

There are other objectives which the schools wish to achieve as a result of this tender process:

- 1.The provision of a healthy balanced and flexible menu that meets nutritional guidelines and reflects the school's diversity. enjoyed by our students.
- 2.Increase the take up of meals for all, including paid meals and FSM.
- 3.An effective marketing campaign should be implemented including the organisation of a series of theme days throughout the year ~ a minimum of two each term.
- 4.Attend termly parent evenings to promote the catering service.
- 5.To ensure that all hospitality is provided strictly at net cost of ingredients.
- 6.Provide a pre order service for the school staff.

The new contract will commence on 1 September 2025, for an initial 3year term with the

option of additional 2 x 1 year extensions.

The staff are currently employed by Miquill, to manage and oversee the catering service and therefore TUPE Regulations including pension rights will apply to this contract.

The current value of the contract is approximately £150,000 per annum, which includes children, adult meals, and limited hospitality

See SQ document for more information.

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: £750,000

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

31 August 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:

A minimum of 5 suppliers and a maximum of 10 suppliers will be taken forward to the tender stage of the process. Where less than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the tender stage. Where more than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the tender stage.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

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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

31 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

14 March 2025

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.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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. It will be the supplier's responsibility to obtain any necessary documents in order to submit a response by the closing date and time. The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this contract notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time. The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity. The contracting authority will consider variant bids, evaluating them (so far as the variant or the evaluation of the variant is in the opinion of the contracting authority practicable) on the same basis as a conforming bid, but shall not be obliged to accept any such bid in preference to a conforming bid even if the variant bid scores more highly. No variant will be considered unless the bidder simultaneously submits a conforming bid.

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

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Birmingham:-School-catering-services./563N22U65H>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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