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## **Thornton Primary School ~ Catering Tender**

Thornton Primary School

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04be85

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Thornton Primary School

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.thornton.bham.sch.uk/website/contact/143142>

**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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Thornton Primary School ~ Catering Tender

#### **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

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## **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

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## **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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United Kingdom



