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Contract

Cambrian Learning Trust - Catering and Cleaning Services

Cambrian Learning Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cambrianlearningtrust.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

Cambrian Learning Trust - Catering and Cleaning Services

Reference number

MPN-10311

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Cambrian Learning Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of full daily catering and cleaning services. The services at the Cambrian Learning Trust are outsourced. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Catering: The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of breakfast and morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. Across the Trust there are currently 8004 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 1394 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 1283 to Free School Meals. Cleaning: The contract is being offered for three years with the option to extend for a further two periods of 12 months. The contract commencement date is 01 September 2025. The contract is for a full daily cleaning service during term time and periodic cleaning outside of term.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £16,727,225.35

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Catering-Primary Schools

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cambrian Learning Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of full daily catering for their Primary Schools under Lot1. The services at the Cambrian Learning Trust are outsourced. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust Primary schools. This will consist of breakfast and morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. The catering facilities at the schools include the main dining areas and servery. Across the Trust there are currently 8004 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25, of this 3673 pupils are in the Primary setting. Of this figure, 1240 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 575 to Free School Meals in their primary schools. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the catering team (8 staff) are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation. The Trust is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing. The Trust is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /
Weighting: 90

Price - Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five 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 three years as well as the two

optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Catering-Secondary Schools

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cambrian Learning Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of full daily catering for their Secondary and All-Through Schools under Lot2. The services at the Cambrian Learning Trust are outsourced. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Secondary and All-Through Schools. This will consist of breakfast and morning breaks at some sites and full lunch service for each school day at all sites. The catering facilities at the schools include the main dining areas and servery. Across the Trust there are currently 8004 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25, of this 4331 pupils are in the Primary setting. Of this figure, 154 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 708 to Free School Meals in their Secondary and All-Through Schools. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the catering team (10 staff) are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation. The Trust is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing. The Trust is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best

possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: All criteria are stated only in the procurement documents /
Weighting: 90

Price - Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five 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 three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Cleaning

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90919300 - School cleaning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cambrian Learning Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of full daily cleaning services. The services at the Cambrian Learning Trust are outsourced. The contract is being offered for three years with the option to extend for a further two periods of 12 months. The contract commencement date is 01 September 2025. The contract is for a full daily cleaning service during term time and periodic cleaning outside of term time. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the cleaning team (5 staff) are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation.

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 three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five 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 three years as well as the two 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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-000205](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Cambrian Learning Trust

Lot No

1

Title

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cater Link Limited

Earley West, Thames Valley Business Park

Reading

RG6 1PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address

www.caterlinkltd.co.uk

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: £4,430,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,649,882.19

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Cambrian Learning Trust

Lot No

2

Title

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dolce Ltd

Lowton Business Park, Newton Road

Lowton

WA3 2AN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Internet address

<https://www.dolce.co.uk>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £4,685,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,223,178.22

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Cambrian Learning Trust

Lot No

3

Title

Cleaning Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

YBC Cleaning Services Limited

161 North Lane

Aldershot

GU12 4TA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Internet address

www.ybcservices.co.uk

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: £2,269,250

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,854,164.94

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

Cambrian 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).