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Award

Moulton College Outsourced Catering Service

Moulton College

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Scope

Reference

MC-CATERING-25

Description

Moulton College has conducted a tender to appoint a company to provide a fully managed catering service to College students and staff, with occasional pre-arranged catering of events. However, the Provider is actively encouraged to maximise the commercial opportunity available to expand the service by offering catering / refreshments for evening and weekend events and to external customers.

The primary objective of the contract is to ensure that a high standard of catering is maintained, providing a highly proactive, appealing, and nutritious catering service that makes a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of the students.

The Customer will enter into a contract with a Provider who:

- is a suitably qualified supplier of catering services,

- can deliver a fully managed, outsourced catering service to the Customer's sites,
- can offer an affordable contract costing model, ultimately reducing the cost to the Customer,
- will support the Customer's aims of providing high quality, healthy and nutritious meals, at an affordable price,
- will work in close partnership with the Customer to offer age appropriate, hot and cold meals which exceed the Government's requirements for School Food Standards and take into account individual student dietary requirements where necessary,
- will work with the Customer to market and maximise the number of student meals being bought,
- will maximise the commercial opportunity offered by the Customer's catering facilities, particularly the coffee shops, by taking advantaged of additional opportunities offered by weekend and evening events (sporting events, open days etc.).

The Contract is for a period of three years with three options to extend of 12 months each.

Contract 1

Supplier

- THOMAS FRANKS LIMITED

Contract value

- £6,000,000 excluding VAT

- £7,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

25 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

25 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 6 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2031
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Three options to extend of 12 months each up to a total maximum contract duration of six

years subject to satisfactory performance and at the sole discretion of the College.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55510000 - Canteen services
- 55520000 - Catering services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [CATER LINK LIMITED](#)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

CATER LINK LIMITED

- Companies House: 03732298
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWPW-6942-JXBP

300 Thames Valley Park Drive

Reading

RG6 1PT

United Kingdom

Website: <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/>

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

THOMAS FRANKS LIMITED

- Companies House: 05171922
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHM-1811-RVBZ

The Stables Hook Norton Brewery

Hook Norton Banbury

OX15 5NY

United Kingdom

Email: will@thomasfranks.com

Website: <http://thomasfranks.com>

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Moulton College

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYJW-3188-DDNG

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Moulton

NN3 7RR

United Kingdom

Email: fm@moulton.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.moulton.ac.uk>

Region: UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government