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Scope

Description

The successful Supplier will be required to provide Catering and Hospitality Services for the Cabot Learning Federation.

The Cabot Learning Federation is well established Multi Academy Trust situated in Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire and may include at the commencement to this contract the following 36 sites where the successful contractor may be required to deliver a service and meet the requirements of the specification at each school from the contract commencement.

The 36 sites which may be part of this tender are:

- Begbrook Primary Academy, Begbrook Drive, Stapleton, BS16 1HG
- Broadoak Academy, Windwhistle Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 4NP
- Brook Academy, Mill Lane, Gloucester, GL3 4ZN
- Castle Primary School, Castle Street, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon, TA14 6RE
- CLF Post 16, Woodside Road, Kingswood, BS15 8BD - (through John Cabot Academy)

- Digitech Studio School, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XQ
 - Engage - Evergreen Primary Academy, Waverley Street, Easton, BS5 0YR
 - Evergreen Primary Academy, Waverley Street, Easton, BS5 0YR
 - Frome Vale Academy, Frenchay Road, Downend, BS16 2QS
 - Hanham Woods Academy, Memorial Road, Hanham, BS15 3LA
 - Hans Price Academy, Marchfields Way, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 3QP
 - Haywood Village Academy, 20 Whitney Crescent, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8ES
 - Herons' Moor Academy, Locking Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 7DX
 - John Cabot Academy, Woodside Road, Kingswood, BS15 8BD
 - Kingsmead Academy Hartswell, Wiveliscombe, Taunton TA4 2NE (Provides delivered meals to outside CLF)
 - King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Kingswood, BS15 4JT
 - King's Oak Primary Academy, Brook Road, Kingswood, BS15 4JT
 - Lansdown Park Academy, Stockwood Lane, Bristol, BS14 8SJ
 - Lime Hills Academy, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NN - (Delivered Service from outside Cabot Learning Federation currently)
- and Lime Hills Academy, Beaufighter Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8EE
- Minerva Primary Academy, The Greenway, Fishponds, BS16 4HA
 - Minerva Primary School, Outer Circle, Somerset, TA1 2BU
 - Monkton Wood Academy, School Road, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton, TA2 8PD
 - Priorswood Primary School, Wedlands, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 7AD (Provides a delivered service to Minerva Primary School)
 - Queen Margaret Primary Academy, York Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5HU
 - Summerhill Academy, Plummer's Hill, St George, BS5 7JU

- Tewkesbury Academy, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 8DF
- The Redstart Primary School, Redstart Road, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1SD (Provides a delivered service to Castle Primary School
- The Sky Academy, Pickeridge Close, Taunton, TA2 7HW (Provides delivered meals to outside CLF)
- Uphill Village Academy, Old Church Road, Uphill, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 4XH
- Wallscourt Farm Academy, Longdown Avenue, Stoke Gifford, BS16 1GE
- Waycroft Academy, Selden Road, Stockwood, Bristol, BS14 8PS
- Wicklea Academy, Wick Road, Bristol, BS4 4HR
- Winterstoke Hundred Academy, Beaufighter Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8EE
- Winterstoke Hundred Academy LP, Apprentice Wy, Locking Parklands, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 7PS
- Woodlands Academy, Whittock Road, Stockwood, Bristol, BS14 8DQ

See PSQ Document for more information.

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

<https://litmustms.co.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Bristol:-School-catering-services./FM3VG2XD37>

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Total value (estimated)

- £12,660,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract being tendered is for three years in duration from 1 September 2026 until 31 August 2029, with the option to extend for a further term of 1 year + 1 year + 1 year on the same terms and conditions excluding the right to further extend. The contract will be guaranteed performance in nature.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Not the same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Somerset

Description

Castle Primary School, Castle Street, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon, TA14 6RE

Kingsmead Academy Hartswell, Wiveliscombe, Taunton TA4 2NE

The Sky Academy, Pickeridge Close, Taunton, TA2 7HW

Minerva Primary School, Outer Circle, Somerset, TA1 2BU

Monkton Wood Academy, School Road, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton, TA2 8PD

Priorswood Primary School, Wedlands, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 7AD

The Redstart Primary School, Redstart Road, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1SD

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,531,886 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK23 - Somerset

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. North Somerset

Description

Broad oak Academy, Windwhistle Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 4NP

Hans Price Academy, Marchfields Way, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 3QP

Haywood Village Academy, 20 Whitney Crescent, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8ES

Winterstoke Hundred Academy BF, Beaufighter Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8EE

Winterstoke Hundred Academy LP, Apprentice Wy, Locking Parklands, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 7PS

Lime Hills Academy, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NN and Lime Hills Academy, Beaufighter Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8E2

Uphill Village Academy, Old Church Road, Uphill, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 4XH

Herons' Moor Academy, Locking Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 7DX

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,883,640 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Bristol

Description

Begbrook Primary Academy, Begbrook Drive, Stapleton, BS16 1HG

Evergreen Primary Academy, Waverley Street, Easton, BS5 0YR

Engage - Evergreen Primary Academy, Waverley Street, Easton, BS5 0YR

Frome Vale Academy, Frenchay Road, Downend, BS16 2QS

Lansdown Park Academy, Stockwood Lane, Bristol, BS14 8SJ

Minerva Primary Academy, The Greenway, Fishponds, BS16 4HA

Summerhill Academy, Plummer's Hill, St George, BS5 7JU

Waycroft Academy, Selden Road, Stockwood, Bristol, BS14 8PS

Wicklea Academy, Wick Road, Bristol, BS4 4HR

Woodlands Academy, Whittock Road, Stockwood, Bristol, BS14 8DQ

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,587,104 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. South Gloucestershire

Description

Digitech Studio School, Tower Road North, Warmley, BS30 8XQ

Hanham Woods Academy, Memorial Road, Hanham, BS15 3LA

John Cabot Academy, Woodside Road, Kingswood, BS15 8BD

King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Kingswood, BS15 4JT

King's Oak Primary Academy, Brook Road, Kingswood, BS15 4JT

CLF Post 16, Woodside Road, Kingswood, BS15 8BD

Wallscourt Farm Academy, Longdown Avenue, Stoke Gifford, BS16 1GE

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,531,973 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Gloucestershire

Description

Brook Academy, Mill Lane, Gloucester, GL3 4ZN

Queen Margaret Primary Academy, York Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 5HU

Tewkesbury Academy, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 8DF

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,125,397 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Somerset

Lot 2. North Somerset

Lot 3. Bristol

Lot 4. South Gloucestershire

Lot 5. Gloucestershire

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

13 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://litmustms.co.uk/respond/FM3VG2XD37>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Order of importance
Criterion 1	Quality	1
Criterion 2	Cost	2

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The tender process will be conducted as a multi-stage Competitive Flexible Procedure.

This procurement is being conducted under a competitive flexible procedure in

accordance with the Procurement Regulations 2024. Following the initial selection stage, the Contracting Authority intends to invite a maximum of six suppliers to participate in the tender stage selection will be based on the criteria set out in the tender documents and will be applied in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner

The three stages will be:

1.Participation and Written Tender Stage - suppliers must meet the conditions of participation set out in this Tender Notice to advance to the tender stage of the competition and also submit a signed Non-Disclosure Agreement. The conditions of participation are to complete all mandatory responses and gain an overall combined score of 80% or more on the Technical and Professional Ability section and additional questions 8.2.

The full tender documentation will be issued to the top six scoring suppliers who also meet the above criteria on the date specified within the timelines.

Tender stage responses will be assessed against the following weighted criteria:

- Catering Service Delivery 15%
- Management 10%
- People 10%
- Service development 10%
- Finance 30%
- Social and Added Value 5%
- Presentation - next stage 20%

2.Presentation Stage - the contracting authority intends to shortlist the three highest scoring suppliers from the Written Tender Stage to present to the selection panel. Any bidder whose score is greater than 20% below the highest scoring bidder after scoring of the written bids, will not be invited to the presentation stage

The presentations will be scored according to the following criteria:

- Confidence in the management team responsible for contract delivery (10%)
- Demonstration of catering standards within school menus being proposed (5%)

- Cultural fit (5%)

3.Preferred Supplier Stage

The highest scoring supplier after presentations will be invited to:

- Clarify or confirm any commitments made in their tender
- To discuss and seek agreement on how proposals in their tender can best be applied to the service provision to maximise client benefit
- To agree details of KPIs and commitments to be included in the contract

See PSQ Document for more information.

Contracting authority

Cabot Learning Federation ~ Catering Tender

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government