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Contract

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust - Catering Services

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04de4a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.demat.org.uk/>

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

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust - Catering Services

Reference number

MPN-10319

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service. The services at the Trust schools are a mix of in-house (one school) and outsourced provision. The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. The catering facilities at the school include the main dining areas and servery. All outlets are available to all pupils. Across the Trust there are currently 6936 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 2297 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 1460 to Free School Meals. TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation. Some members of the catering team are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Norfolk Fund and Cambridgeshire Fund) and all details are in the tender documentation.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £13,179,068.31

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Full details in tender documentation

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Diocese of Ely MAT

Title

Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cater Link Limited

300 Thames Valley Park Drive, Early West

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: £9,150,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £13,179,068.31

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

Diocese of Ely MAT 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).