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Award

Provision of Food Supply

THE ACADEMIES FOR CHARACTER AND EXCELLENCE

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Scope

Reference

ACE01.62

Description

The proposed contract will be for a food supply provision that will provide high quality and fresh, local ingredients and food stuffs for the school catering provision in accordance with this service specification and the associated tender documents. The Trust is looking for suppliers that can provide locally sourced, fresh, high quality and value for money products to enable school catering teams to create fresh and healthy school meals for pupils and staff. The Tenderer is required to work in partnership with the Trust, offering clear lines of communication and ensuring cohesion with the roles and responsibilities as identified in Document 2. Specification of Requirement.

Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 - Fresh Meats

Description

The Contractor is required to be able to supply and deliver the list of food items for this Lot, which is listed in Appendix A in the tender documents. To meet the Minimum Conditions of Participation for this contract, the Contractor will have the following accreditations in place: a. Red Tractor - to give the Trust assurance that the entire food chain meets high standards that exceed minimum UK welfare requirements, ensuring ethical sourcing and quality control. b. EBLEX (AHDB Beef and Lamb - to integrate Quality Standard beef and lamb into school menus and provide the Trust assurance of traceability, animal welfare, food safety and quality assurance. c. MSC (Marine Stewardship Council) - to give assurance that menus will contain seafood that is sustainably sourced, aligning with national food standards and educational initiatives.

Lot LOT-0002. Lot 2 - Frozen, Dry, Ambient and Dairy

Description

The Contractor is required to be able to supply and deliver the list of food items for this Lot, which is listed in Appendix A in the tender documents. The Trust desires that Contractors have in place the BRCGS - Global Standard for Food Safety accreditation or equivalent (SALSA, ISO 22000) that will give the Trust assurance that the Contractor's food production site: a. Implements robust food safety systems (e.g., HACCP) b. Has comprehensive traceability c. Follows legal and customer safety requirements d. Operates under hygienic and controlled conditions

Lot LOT-0003. Lot 3 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Description

The Contractor is required to be able to supply and deliver the list of food items for this Lot, which is listed in Appendix A in the tender documents.

Contract 1. Lot 1 Fresh Meat

Lots

Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 - Fresh Meats

Supplier

- SAVONA FOODSERVICE LTD

Contract value

- £380,000 excluding VAT
- £456,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

15 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

19 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 29 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2028
- Possible extension to 31 August 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two further years in 12 month increments (3+1+1)

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The right to add in extra schools that join the Trust

CPV classifications

- 15119000 - Various meats
- 15130000 - Meat products

Contract locations

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset
 - UKK4 - Devon
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Contract 2. Lot 2 Frozen, Dry, Ambient and Dairy

Lots

Lot LOT-0002. Lot 2 - Frozen, Dry, Ambient and Dairy

Supplier

- SAVONA FOODSERVICE LTD

Contract value

- £1,260,000 excluding VAT
- £1,512,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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Options

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The right to add in extra schools that join the Trust

CPV classifications

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

Contract locations

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset
- UKK4 - Devon

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Lots

Lot LOT-0003. Lot 3 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Supplier

- REDBRIDGE PRODUCE & FLOWERS LIMITED

Contract value

- £380,000 excluding VAT
- £456,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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Services

Options

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The right to add in extra schools that join the Trust

CPV classifications

- 03221000 - Vegetables

- 03222000 - Fruit and nuts

Contract locations

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset
 - UKK4 - Devon
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Information about tenders

Lot LOT-0001. Lot 1 - Fresh Meats

- 2 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 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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Lot LOT-0002. Lot 2 - Frozen, Dry, Ambient and Dairy

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 4 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot LOT-0003. Lot 3 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

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

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

REDBRIDGE PRODUCE & FLOWERS LIMITED

- Companies House: 03034745
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMQB-7747-PBGR

Dole Baird House, Liverpool Innovation Park

Liverpool

L7 9NJ

United Kingdom

Email: jean.debeer@dole.co.uk

Website: <http://dole.co.uk>

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Lot 3 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

SAVONA FOODSERVICE LTD

- Companies House: 04764681
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQGR-2756-BYGV

Unit 11-12 Oxonian Park

Kidlington

OX5 1FP

United Kingdom

Email: accounts@savona.co.uk

Website: <http://www.savona.co.uk>

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 1 Fresh Meat

Contract 2. Lot 2 Frozen, Dry, Ambient and Dairy

Contracting authority

THE ACADEMIES FOR CHARACTER AND EXCELLENCE

- Companies House: 10098444
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYNM-4868-XBBN

Totnes St Johns C Of E Primary School

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TQ9 5TZ

United Kingdom

Email: sam.ward@acexcellence.co.uk

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government