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Award

CBC-1797-T-TS Catering Services - Shefford Lower School

Central Bedfordshire Council

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Scope

Reference

CBC-1797-T-TS

Description

Shefford Lower School Catering Services

Please read and follow the information and guidance supplied below and within the Tender documents, this will help with your tender submission.

Word count limits apply, any information going over will not be considered.

Respond to ALL questions.

Additional documents or information not required will be disregarded.

Please note timeline with regards to questions and submission dates.

All communications, correspondences and clarifications must be sent via the In-tend

portal.

Do not contact the Service area for information, please use the correspondence facility

Regularly view the Clarification tab for updates or responses to questions received by bidders.

Questions asked together with the response, will be made available to all bidders (if not Private and Confidential), this to ensure a fair and consistent approach to all.

Avoid uploading your return just prior to closing deadline as you may incur IT issues and we will not accept Tender Returns via e-mail.

The Council will provide as much support and information as it can to help guide you through the Tender process. If there is anything you are not sure of or need clarification on, please contact the Procurement lead using the correspondence facility within the In-tend electronic tendering system.

Opting In

To inform us of your decision to participate and to be able to submit a tender you will be required to Opt In. Opting In will confirm to us of your involvement and your intention to submit a tender return.

Opting Out

Will confirm that you are no longer interested in submitting a tender return. You will be able to provide a reason as to your decision if you wish. This will cease any system-generated communications. You will be able to opt back in at any point.

Target contract commencement date: 1st September 2025

Contract term: 3 years +1+1 optional

Contract 1. Catering Services - Shefford Lower School

Supplier

- [Aspens Catering Services](#)

Contract value

- £745,118.20 excluding VAT
- £745,119.20 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

4 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Description of possible extension:

3 years up to two years optional

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services
- 55524000 - School catering services

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

Aspens Catering Services

- Companies House: 06561073

Admirals Way

London

E14 9XL

United Kingdom

Email: Matt.nicholas@aspens-services.com

Region: UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Catering Services - Shefford Lower School

Contracting authority

Central Bedfordshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVNH-1137-QJBX

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Region: UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government