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Tender

Early Years Children & Families Hub Centres - Catering Service

London Borough of Hackney

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Scope

Reference

DN766798

Description

The London Borough of Hackney is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced supplier to provide catering services (lunch and snacks) for children under 5 at Hackney's Children's Centres and Family Hubs.

The supplier must have experience in providing Early Years catering services which are in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Nutritional Guidance (2025) and the Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering.

Children's Centres and Family Hub provide a range of family support services from a single location; working closely with schools, GPs and other local service providers. Their services generally also include childcare for 0-5 year olds.

The Catering Service will be required for nine Children and Family Hub Centres. Six of

these centres are managed by Hackney Council, two are school-based Children's and Family Hub Centres and the third is a nursery school & Children's and Family Hub Centres

The maximum available budget over the 3 year contract period will be £2,100,000. If the contract is extended to 4 years the maximum budget will be £2,800,00.

TUPE is expected so Tenderers must possess Admitted Body Status within the Local Government Pension Scheme (or be willing to have this in place by time for contract start) to comply with TUPE transfer requirements. Admitted body status will form part of the shortlisting criteria for invitation to submit a tender.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2029
- Possible extension to 30 April 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

One 12 month extension is permitted.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services

Contract locations

- UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

22 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Submissions must be made using the London Tender Portal
<https://www.londontenders.org/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

3 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
quality	Quality	65%
Price	Price	35%

Other information**Description of risks to contract performance**

i) It is possible that Children Centres may be removed from the framework at any point after the first year of the contract if catering provision is no longer required at this location. Payments for the Children Centre removed from the framework will finish at the end of the notice period. In all cases a minimum of 3 months notice will be provided.

ii) It is not yet determined whether meals will be prepared for Oldhill Children Centre on site or offsite. We expect to be able to advise on this at the full tender stage.

iii) It is possible that further Children Centres may join the framework after the framework has commenced. A maximum of 2 Children Centres will be permitted to join at a budget of £180,000.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

This procurement will use the Competitive flexible procedure.

This will involve three stages

Stage 1 - Tenderers must pass the Conditions of Participation and Procurement Specific Questions in order to be invited to the full tender stage.

Stage 2 - Submission and evaluation of tender submission (quality questions and price). Those tenderers that meet the quality thresholds met will be shortlisted (4 highest scoring) and invited to stage 3.

Stage 3 - Food Presentation, demonstration and question and answer session. The food presentation and demonstration will be scored and the question and answer session will be used to clarify proposals.

The tenderer achieving the highest score overall will be recommended to deliver the contract.

Contracting authority

London Borough of Hackney

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