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Contract

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls - Catering Tender

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049b75

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

Buckland Road

Maidstone

ME16 0SF

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.mggs.org>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls - Catering Tender

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The supplier is to provide excellent catering services at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

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: £2,010,660

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, or 'MGGS', as it is more often known, has a strong community spirit which is underpinned by our belief that the happiness of all our students is key to enabling them to succeed. We have been providing an academic education for

girls (and boys in the Sixth Form) from the town of Maidstone, and its surrounding area for over 135 years.

As an outstanding school we are 'A forward-thinking community with a tradition of excellence', ensuring we develop young adults of character, who are able to flourish as adults in today's society.

Our academic curriculum at MGGS provides students with outstanding examination results year on year and we seek a catering partner who will mirror and support our excellent standards.

Further information with regards to the school can be obtained here:

<https://www.mggs.org>

Tender information:

The successful tenderer will be required to provide catering services to MGGS.

The contract term being tendered is for three years, 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2028. There is an option for a further extension period for up to two additional years to 31st March 2030.

The contract offers an excellent opportunity to review and propose enhancements to the current catering services at the School. This includes but is not limited to; breakfast, morning break, lunchtime and after school services, over the academic year of 190 days.

The school is keen to secure a high quality catering service including fresh locally sourced ingredients prepared on site, with a menu design that is flexible to suit the requirements of the school's specific students. The school is proud of its 'family ethos' and expects both a tightly managed service and a management style delivered by the successful contractor that supports, encourages and develops the catering staff. The school is also keen to ensure the caterer provides efficient and effective 'back of house' systems and has a tight control over its accurate financial reporting.

The school is not obliged to accept the lowest price submitted for this tender, rather the school is keen to secure 'best value' from this contract and to deliver 'best value' to its students. Innovative and creative ideas as to how the services can be developed and value added, will be welcomed. The school seeks a contractor that is keen to work in partnership and who will deliver to its highest abilities, at all times. The contract shall be a guaranteed performance contract with any hospitality requirements billed separately

Additional requirements and information:

?The School has a minimum requirement for a contractor's employers' liability and public liability insurance of £5 million

?The minimum annual turnover that your company must have achieved to be considered for this opportunity is £1 million

?There are no incumbent catering staff currently within the Local Government Pension Scheme

?The catering services are currently contracted to Impact Food Group (Cucina)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Criterion 1 / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Criterion 1 / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Independent Catering Management Ltd

8-10 South Street,, Epsom

Surrey

KT18 7PF

Email

pd@independentcatering.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

National registration number

03222546

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: £2,010,660

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,010,660

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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