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Tender

CORE Education Trust - Catering Services Tender

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05aa64

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Scope

Description

Based in Birmingham, CORE Education Trust are committed to delivering the best possible experiences across their Academy Schools. CORE exist to transform young people's lives and build ambitious futures through Collaboration, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence.

CORE Education Trust believe in the power of education to inspire, to enable and to enrich every life.

The Trust are seeking Catering service providers to tender for the provision of all catering services presently offered within the Schools, including breakfast, morning break, lunch and all hospitality and free issue requirements.

The contract will be for three years in duration, with the option to extend for a further one period of up to two years and with a commencement date of 01 August 2026.

Full details will be included in the Invitation to Tender.

TUPE regulations apply to this contract, which involves the transfer of existing catering staff, of which some may be members of the Local Government Pension Scheme, requiring arrangements to be made for 'Admitted Body' status with the relevant pension

fund.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://invictus-inport.com/tenders/UK-UK-Birmingham:-School-catering-services./G4ZBA2FB44>

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Total value (estimated)

- £2,468,700 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- Possible extension to 31 July 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

In agreement with the client an option to extend for a further one period of up to two years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Deadline for requests to participate

21 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://invictus-inport.com/respond/G4ZBA2FB44>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Operational Response	Quality	85%
Financial Response	Price	15%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

This procurement will be a multi-stage tender process. The PSQ will be followed by an initial shortlisting, with successful suppliers invited to the next stage of the process. The ITT will follow, with a second shortlisting and the top scoring bidders will be invited to the presentation stage.

Contracting authority

CORE Education Trust

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPQT-4737-ZZYX

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Invictus Partnership Limited

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Consultancy

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