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Contract

Westcountry Schools Trust Managed Catering Service

Westcountry Schools Trust (Secondary Acct: PHP Law)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b166

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Westcountry Schools Trust (Secondary Acct: PHP Law)

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.westst.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43320

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Westcountry Schools Trust Managed Catering Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The proposed contract will be for a managed catering service to support the delivery of in-house catering in accordance with this service

specification and the associated tender documents.

The Trust wish to keep the ethos of the in-house catering model whilst utilising the additional expertise and support of the Bidder. It is the

expectation that this managed catering service offer will deliver efficiencies and reduce current cost per plate whilst ensuring a high

standard of food quality to deliver the proposed menu.

The Bidder 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 this Specification of Requirement.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Devon

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services
- 55520000 - Catering services
- 15894210 - School meals

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

Main site or place of performance

Various school sites across Devon. Refer to tender documents for the site addresses

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust is seeking a Contractor that will deliver an Outsourced Catering Service for this contract to provide a high-quality service, whilst

delivering value for money for the school, parents and pupils using the Services. The Contract will include all food and staff provision to

support the delivery of the catering services requirement.

In addition to the above, the Contractor shall:

a. work in partnership with the Trust, operating at Trust level, demonstrating a centralised approach that offers greater transparency and

visibility of management information, KPI and financial performance. This will allow for a robust level of oversight regarding contract

delivery as a whole.

b. fully utilise the benefits, efficiencies and cost savings being gained from this centralised strategy and approach for both parties,

improving the quality and uptake of meals, particularly for FSM pupils.

c. operate a standard approach across all schools , delivering an exemplary quality of service whilst harnessing a continuous drive for

improvement throughout the contract term.

d. ensure a high-quality food offering, whilst delivering value for money for schools, pupils and parents using the services.

e. offer a service that is aligned to the vision, value and ethos of the Trust.

f. be responsible for TUPE of existing staff.

Schools included in this Lot:

Ashburton Primary School

Buckfastleigh Primary School

Ermington Primary School

Holbeton Primary School

Ivybridge Community College

Manor Primary School, Ivybridge

Sherford Vale School & Nursery

South Dartmoor Community College

Stowford School

Ugborough Primary School

Woodlands Park Primary School

Yealmpton Primary School

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Price - Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

New schools who may join the Trust, or current schools within the Trust may be added to the Contract

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Plymouth

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services
- 55520000 - Catering services
- 15894210 - School meals

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

Main site or place of performance

Various school sites across Plymouth. Refer to tender documents for the site addresses

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f. be responsible for TUPE of existing staff.

Schools included in this Lot:

Austin Farm Academy

Boringdon Primary School

Chaddlewood Primary School

Glen Park Primary School

Morley Meadow Primary School

Oreston Community Academy

Plympton St Maurice Primary School

Woodford Primary School

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Price - Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

All Schools

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services
- 55520000 - Catering services

- 15894210 - School meals

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

Main site or place of performance

Various school sites across Devon and Plymouth. Refer to tender documents for the site addresses

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust is seeking a Contractor that will deliver an Outsourced Catering Service for this contract to provide a high-quality service, whilst

delivering value for money for the school, parents and pupils using the Services. The Contract will include all food and staff provision to

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This Lot is for all schools and therefore a combination of the school sites from Lots 1 & 2

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Price - Weighting: 40%

II.2.11) Information about options

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Description of options

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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

Open 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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-034677](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Devon

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Plymouth

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

All Schools

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aspens Services Ltd

Ground Floor, Teme House, Whittington

Worcester

WR5 2RY

Email

admin@aspens-services.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

www.aspens-services.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(MT Ref:234663)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 3450103503

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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Ivybridge

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mtymko@westst.org.uk

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United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.westst.org.uk/>