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Contract

The Norton Knatchbull School

The Norton Knatchbull School Catering Tender

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04be09

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Norton Knatchbull School Catering Tender

Hythe Road, Ashford

Ashford

TN24 0QJ

Contact

Procurement Team at Cohesion

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.cohesionconsulting.co.uk

Buyer's address

www.nks.kent.sch.uk

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

The Norton Knatchbull School

Reference number

CCL_045

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Norton Knatchbull School is a popular and highly regarded selective secondary school for boys in Ashford, Kent. The school admits a growing number of girls into its Sixth Form. It has 1290 students aged between 11 and 18 years of age and is supported by a team of 120 teaching and support staff. There is one busy main restaurant with a modern, well-equipped kitchen as well as an additional serving area adjacent to the restaurant. The School Management Team is developing the services to reflect the high aspirations of the Headteacher and SLT; they are tendering their catering services to deliver the very best service for every student at the school. The contract will commence on 1st of August 2025 for an initial three years, with an option to extend for a further two years subject to client satisfaction and client agreement on budgets and service levels. This contract will reward maximising sales and FSM uptake through pro-active management, consistently high food quality and tang

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: £1,050,000

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

The Norton Knatchbull School, Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0QJ.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Norton Knatchbull School is a popular and highly regarded selective secondary school for boys in Ashford, Kent. The school admits a growing number of girls into its Sixth Form. It has 1290 students aged between 11 and 18 years of age and is supported by a team of 120 teaching and support staff. There is one busy main restaurant with a modern, well-equipped kitchen as well as an additional serving area adjacent to the

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CCL_045

Title

The Norton Knatchbull School

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Culinera

Amersham

HP6 6FA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,200,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Cabinet Office

70 Whitehall

London

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/cabinet-office/about/procurement>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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