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Contract

The Mulberry Schools Trust Catering

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F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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 Mulberry Schools Trust Catering

Reference number

CCL_027

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a dynamic and successful Trust based in the Borough of Tower Hamlets, London. The Trust are tendering the catering services in five secondary

schools and two primary school in London. They have over 5,000 students between the ages of 11 and 18 on roll and over 400 teaching and support staff. The schools have well equipped kitchens, a busy main restaurant and numerous satellite serving areas to help support demand throughout the day. The incumbent caterer is Accent Catering in 5 schools, Caterlink in one school and one school is managed by Tower Hamlets Contract Services. The catering teams are well-regarded by the Trust and they are seen as a core part of daily life for the students. The teams across the sites have a mix of LGPS and NEST Pension schemes, bidders should already have, or be able to achieve, Admitted Body Status in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. One additional secondary school may join the tender early in 2024. The contract start da

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: £4,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 55524000 - School catering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets
- UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Main site or place of performance

Five schools in Tower Hamlets and one in Hackney.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a dynamic and successful Trust based in the Borough of Tower Hamlets, London. The Trust are tendering the catering services in five secondary schools and two primary schools in London. They have over 5,000 students between the ages of 11 and 18 on roll and over 400 teaching and support staff. The schools have well equipped kitchens, a busy main restaurant and numerous satellite serving areas to help support demand throughout the day. The incumbent caterer is Accent Catering in 5 schools, Caterlink in one school and one school is managed by Tower Hamlets Contract

Services. The catering teams are well-regarded by the Trust and they are seen as a core part of daily life for the students and primary children. The teams across the sites have a mix of LGPS and NEST Pension schemes, bidders should already have, or be able to achieve, Admitted Body Status in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. One additional secondary school may join the tender early in 2024. The contract start date is the 1st of September 2024 and this will be for an initial three-year period. There is an option for both parties to extend the contract 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 and consistently high levels of food quality and tangible contract support. The Trust expects high standards of food and service quality in every school every day and a strong working relationship with the successful bidder.

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_027

Title

Mulberry Schools Trust Catering Tender

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

Accent Catering

Sunbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI63 - Merton, Kingston upon Thames and Sutton

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: £1,450,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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