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Tender

Invitation to Tender - Framework Agreement for the Management of the Catering Services at Brontë Academy Trust

BRONTE ACADEMY TRUST

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Scope

Description

The Brontë Academy Trust wish to be at the forefront of school catering and as such require a modern, branded offer that reflects the leading trends in the industry.

At this time, the Trust's wish is to commence a catering contract, with a partner who shares their vision for a customer-focused service that attracts the maximum number of students. The meals that are to be provided must be appealing to customers, imaginative, provide good value for money and be nutritionally balanced to encourage all students to make an educated choice.

The Trust's objectives for the new contract are as follows:-

- Natasha's Law (2021): Full allergen labelling on all pre-packed food.
- Healthy eating promotion & food education initiatives.
- Seasonal, locally sourced produce prioritised.

- A catering service that is well managed and requires minimal involvement from the Trust's management team.
- A strong Contractor Area Manager who will develop and lead the team to deliver exceptional customer service, a consistently high quality food offer and spend a substantial amount of time on site at the outset to undertake this.
- A Contractor who is proactive in their relationship management with the Trust.
- Investment in the Trust's Catering service through increased marketing in return for a tenure of contract.
- A higher number of students and staff using the facilities by providing a high quality, affordable and nutritious meal.
- A catering service that encourages students to take a healthy and balanced meal.
- Food and drinks that look appetising and are attractively presented.
- A hospitality service that will help showcase the Trust through events to parents and visitors.
- A Contractor that adopts a flexible and proactive approach to all Trust activities.
- A service that is professionally merchandised and marketed with discretion and to the mutual benefit of the Trust and the Contractor.
- A Contractor that operates using the optimum level of staffing.

As well as the Aims of Service, the aims of the tender include achieving a better quality of food, as well as value for money and more incentives. Marketing to increase uptake from both children and staff.

Tender Schedule:

Issue of Invitation to Tender - 6th November 2025

Bidding Companies to Visit Sites - 18th November 2025

Clarification Deadline - 12th December 2025

Clarification Return Deadline - 19th December 2025

Deadline for return of Tender Responses - 6th January 2026 - 16:00pm

Presentation by shortlisted bidders - 26th February 2026

Reference site visits - w/c 2nd March 2026

Contract Awarded by - By 6th March 2025

Mobilisation Meeting - w/c 23rd March 2026

Contract Commencement - 1st September 2026

The schools involved in the process are:

- Haworth Primary School
- Lees Primary School
- Oakworth Primary School
- Oldfield Primary School

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £786,526.19 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031

- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

3 years initial contract and then 2 optional 1 year extension taking the contract to a maximum of 5 years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKE41 - Bradford

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

31 August 2031

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Weighting criteria is included:

40% Quality and 60% Financial.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 December 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 January 2026, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please submit files to the Red Box Portal at: <https://redboxportal.com/dashboard>

Please also email all Tender responses to admin@redboxcs.com FAO William Turner-Meadows.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

6 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial Scoring	Cost	60%
Quality Section	Quality	40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://redboxportal.com/dashboard>

Please request documents from admin@redboxcs.com

Contracting authority

BRONTE ACADEMY TRUST

- Companies House: 10201636
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYGV-7242-XYLP

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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.

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Summary of their role in this procurement: Consultant support Tender Process

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