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Tender

Catering Services Tender for Rutland Learning Trust

THE RUTLAND LEARNING TRUST

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Scope

Description

The Trust is seeking a single supplier to provide catering services for all of its schools.

Catering is required for all thirteen schools. There is a requirement for delivered meals to some of the schools.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 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:

Two twelve month extension periods are available if agreed in writing by both parties.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

If other schools join the trust over the life of this agreement, then they will join this agreement when their pre-existing terms allow.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Justification for not using lots

The Trust require a single provider for their 13 schools, to make the contract economically attractive to the market.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

25 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders to be submitted via the Bidiful Portal

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app/p/aceadvice>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

Minimum 4 suppliers

Award decision date (estimated)

20 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	The quality scores will be awarded based upon the written submission received. The Trust will moderate the quality scores throughout the process, including after the presentations and the collection of supplier references.	Quality	70%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	The quality scores will be awarded based upon the written submission received. The Trust will moderate the quality scores throughout the process, including after the presentations and the collection of supplier references.	Price	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The Competitive Flexible Procedure will consist of two distinct stages, allowing for an initial assessment of interested suppliers.

Suppliers will be evaluated against the specific objectives of the new contract through the following stages:

- Selection Stage and Shortlisting
- Invitation to Tender (ITT) and Shortlisting for Presentation

The evaluation of the shortlisting process will be based on the information submitted by the bidding companies. This information will be moderated following the submission of the written statements, the presentations and the checking of supplier references.

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app/p/aceadvice>

The tender management is being undertaken by Dave Croshaw

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government