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Tender

PP-10173 Co-op Academies Trust Catering

THE CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMIES TRUST

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Scope

Reference

PP-10173

Description

Co-op Academies Trust is a multi-academy trust with schools located in West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, and Staffordshire. Their portfolio of schools includes around 38 academies across these areas, serving primary, secondary, and special schools, as well as a college of which 32 will be involved in this tender.

The trust currently receives catering provision from the local authority as well as other privately owned incumbents.

At the sole discretion of the Trust any future schools that the Trust may incorporate into the Trust will also be added to the contract. Any additional schools will co-terminate to the end same end date of the initial contract.

The proposed contract will be for the outsourced provision of catering services to the Client. It is the Client's expectation that the Successful Bidder shall be responsible for the

operation of the catering function including employment and management of staff, supply of foodstuffs, consumables and light equipment where required and preparing and serving appropriate meals. The Supplier will also be expected to provide hospitality at certain school events both during and outside of school core hours. The Client will retain responsibility for payment of utilities and the operation and maintenance of core catering equipment and facilities.

The Successful bidder will provide a range of good quality, nutritious, attractively presented meals for pupils and staff, that comply with Government's minimum nutritional and food based standards for the educational sector. Meals should reflect growth in healthy eating trends and promote uptake.

The Successful Bidder shall establish effective management and operational level communication systems at all levels regarding the catering service with customers that include; School management, parents, and pupils. In addition, the Successful Bidder will also be responsible for all legal and health and safety & food safety requirements in delivering the catering services.

Further information on the Client's requirements can be found in the tender package.

The Contract period will be for 3 years initially, with the option to extend for two further one-year periods at the discretion of the Client.

The Contract is split into Lots.

Total value (estimated)

- £31,930,000 excluding VAT
- £38,316,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

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

- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for two further one-year periods at the discretion of the Client

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 15894210 - School meals
- 55523100 - School-meal services
- 55524000 - School catering services

Not the same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Lot 1 - Greater Manchester

Description

Co op Academy Belle Vue

Co op Academy Broadhurst

Connell Co op College

Co op Academy Manchester

Co op Academy Medlock

Co op Academy New Islington

Co op Academy North Manchester

Co op Academy Swinton

Lot value (estimated)

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £14,400,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2 - West Yorkshire 1

Description

Co op Academy Beckfield

Co op Academy Delius

Co op Academy Parkland

Co op Academy Penny Oaks

Co op Academy Smithies Moor

Co op Academy Princeville

Co op Academy Southfield & Grange

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,670,000 excluding VAT
- £8,004,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Lot 3 - West Yorkshire 2

Description

Co op Academy Brierley

Co op Academy Brownhill

Co op Academy Nightingale

Co op Academy Priesthorpe

Co op Academy Woodlands

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,775,000 excluding VAT
- £5,730,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Lot 4 - Staffordshire

Description

Co op Academy Clarice Cliff

Co op Academy Florence MacWilliams

Co op Academy Friarswood

Co op Academy Glebe

Co op Academy Grove

Co op Academy Hamilton

Co op Academy Northwood

Co op Academy Stoke on Trent

Lot value (estimated)

- £7,100,000 excluding VAT
- £8,520,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Lot 5 - Merseyside

Description

Co op Academy Hillside

Co op Academy Portland

Co op Academy Woodslee

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,385,000 excluding VAT
- £1,662,000 including VAT

Contract locations

- UKD7 - Merseyside

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1 - Greater Manchester

Lot 2. Lot 2 - West Yorkshire 1

Lot 3. Lot 3 - West Yorkshire 2

Lot 4. Lot 4 - Staffordshire

Lot 5. Lot 5 - Merseyside

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

1 December 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

11 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/placegroup.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

Lot 1. Lot 1 - Greater Manchester

Lot 2. Lot 2 - West Yorkshire 1

Lot 3. Lot 3 - West Yorkshire 2

Lot 4. Lot 4 - Staffordshire

Lot 5. Lot 5 - Merseyside

5 to 8 suppliers per lot

Award decision date (estimated)

27 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Quality Assessment: 60% of overall score Price Assessment: 40% of overall score See ITT Part A document for full breakdown	Price

Weighting description

Quality Assessment: 60% of overall score

Price Assessment: 40% of overall score

See ITT Part A document for full breakdown

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

This competitive flexible procedure will be conducted in two stages. The two stages are set out in detail in the tendering documentation, and summarised briefly below:

- 1) Stage 1 - Invitation to Participate. Suppliers are invited to request to participate in the tender by completing the required Stage 1 response documentation. Suppliers will be assessed in line with the Conditions of Participation set out in the Stage 1 documentation and the process outlined in the tendering documentation, in order to select suppliers to progress to Stage 2.
- 2) Stage 2 - Invitation to Submit a Final Tender. Suppliers successful in being selected at Stage 1 (in line with the process as set out in detail in the tendering documentation) will be invited to submit a final tender, and will be scored in line with the award criteria and methodology set out within the tendering documentation for Stage 2

Contracting authority

THE CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMIES TRUST

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Region: UKD33 - Manchester

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.

Place Group Ltd

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Agent on behalf of client

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