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Tender

Jo Richardson Community School - Catering Tender

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Scope

Description

Our motto “Success for All” underpins everything that we do at the school and puts the students’ achievements at the centre of our vision. We have a commitment to the highest academic standards combined with a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities aimed at enhancing the opportunities offered to all our students.

Further information regarding the School can be obtained here: <https://jorichardson.org.uk>
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Tender information:

The successful tenderer will be required to provide excellent catering services to Jo Richardson Community school, which has 1713 pupils and 220 teaching and support staff.

The contract term being tendered is for three years, 1st August 2026 – 31st July 2029. There is an option for a further extension period for up to two additional years to 31st July 2031.

The contract offers an excellent opportunity to review and propose enhancements to the current catering services at the School. This includes but is not limited to; breakfast, morning break, lunchtime and after school services, over the academic year, plus hospitality services upon request.

The school is keen to secure a high quality catering service including fresh locally sourced ingredients prepared on site. It is imperative that the menu is flexible to suit the requirements of the school's specific students and their budgets. The school is proud of its 'family ethos' and expects both a tightly managed service and a management style delivered by the successful contractor that supports, encourages and develops the catering staff. Management must be efficient and effective and management reporting must be both timely and accurate.

The school is not obliged to accept the lowest price submitted for this tender, rather the school is keen to secure 'best value' from this contract and to deliver 'best value' to its students. Innovative and creative ideas as to how the services can be developed and value added, will be welcomed. The school seeks a contractor that is keen to work in partnership and who will deliver to its highest abilities, at all times.

Competitive Flexible Procedure

This procurement will be run under the Competitive Flexible Procedure. This will follow a two stage approach, with stage 1 being the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ). Here a minimum of 5 candidates (or less, in the event less than 5 meet the minimum criteria) and a maximum of 10 candidates, will progress to stage 2. Any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement and a minimum score of 60% must be achieved.

Selected tenderers will then be invited to stage 2, the Invitation To Tender (ITT). Here, the evaluation of tender response will be set as 35% price and 65% quality.

Value of contract:

The annual value of the current contract is £675,000

Therefore the value of this contract is £3,375,000

The contract shall be a guaranteed performance contract with any hospitality requirements billed separately, at cost.

Additional requirements and information:

- The school has a minimum requirement for a contractor's employers' liability and public liability insurances of £5 million

- The minimum annual turnover that your company must have achieved to be considered for this opportunity is £1 million
- This is a London living wage contract
- There are 4 incumbent catering staff currently within the Local Government Pension Scheme
- The catering services are currently contracted to Innovate (Impact Food Group)

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Essex:-School-catering-services./PW6YS2C4ZM>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/PW6YS2C4ZM>

Total value (estimated)

- £3,375,000 excluding VAT
- £4,050,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- Possible extension to 31 July 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

There is an option for a further extension period for up to two additional years to 31st July

2031.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Deadline for requests to participate

5 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/PW6YS2C4ZM>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

22 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	65%

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Price	Price	35%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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Contracting authority

Jo Richardson Community School

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHDL-4968-CRXW

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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.

RIVA Partnership Ltd

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Consultancy supporting the Contracting Authority

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Contact Jo Richardson Community School for any enquiries.