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Tender

Catering Services Contract for New College Swindon

New College Swindon

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Scope

Reference

CA16864

Description

New College is a further and higher education institution in Swindon, Wiltshire. There are two main campuses, Queens Drive and North Star, as well as an Adult Learning Centre in Swindon town centre. The College caters for approx. 4,800 students, to a range of ages, with its primary student body being 16-18-year-olds pursuing A-levels or vocational qualifications.

The new catering contract is to service the two main campuses, Queens Drive and North Star, from 1st August 2026, for a 3-year term plus possible 2 year extension on a +1year, +1year basis.

The College is undertaking this tender process to source a flexible and best value catering contractor with whom they can partner with to achieve service excellence through the provision of a great tasting food service, made with authentic recipes and ingredients. Healthy eating, service innovation and added value through food education and

sustainability initiatives are equally as important.

This procurement will be run as per a Competitive Flexible Procedure in line with the Procurement Act 2023 and Procurement Regulations 2024. This process is managed under the Light Touch regime, and the College reserves the right to refine the award criteria throughout. Suppliers are invited to confirm their interest in this tender by submitting a completed 'Procurement Specific Questionnaire' (Stage 1) as per the guidance issued. Stage 1 has been designed to assess the suitability of Suppliers to deliver New College Swindon's contract requirements. Only Suppliers who are successful at this stage will be invited to participate in Stage 2 of the process and be invited to submit a Tender.

TUPE will apply.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,200,000 excluding VAT
- £5,040,000 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:

Maximum 2 extensions of 12 months per extension.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55520000 - Catering services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Tender submission deadline

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

To access this opportunity, log in to <https://suppliers.multiquote.com> and view the opportunity. If you are not registered with MultiQuote, please visit <https://suppliers.multiquote.com>, complete the registration form on the log in page and quote the title and reference of the notice in your registration.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 August 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	Quality	60.0%
Cost	Cost	Cost	20.0%
Social	Social	Quality	10.0%
Value/Sustainability	Value/Sustainability		
Presentations/Clarifications	Presentations/Clarifications	Quality	10.0%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

Stage 1: PSQ

Stage 2: Catering Services for New College Swindon

Stage 3: ITT

Stage 4: Standstill

Stage 5: Award

Contracting authority

New College Swindon

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLQC-2725-XCGX

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)