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## **The Compass Partnership of Schools - Catering Services**

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

MPN-10329

### **Description**

The Compass Partnership of Schools is currently out to tender for the provision of a full daily catering service.

The services at the Trust schools are outsourced.

The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a full school food catering service for the pupils and staff at the Trust schools. This will consist of full lunch service for each school day at all sites.

The catering facilities at the school include the main dining areas and servery. All outlets are available to all pupils.

Across the Trust there are currently 5483 pupils on roll for the academic year 2024/25. Of this figure, 1946 pupils are entitled to UIFSM and a further 1611 to Free School Meals.

TUPE is expected to apply, details of which can be found in the tender documentation.

Some members of the catering team (24 employees) are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme and all details are in the tender documentation.

The Trust is keen to further increase uptake and continue the good work already in place for catering. It wishes to do so by working closely with the successful contractor in developing and continuously improving the service and partnership during the period of the contract and by introducing innovative and creative ideas as submitted in the tender process and ongoing.

The Trust is aware that there are always opportunities to improve and modernise. They are interested in ensuring that the caterers provide the best possible service, introducing new menu ideas and initiatives so that pupils are all eating and utilising the service regularly.

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## **Contract 1. The Compass Partnership of Schools - Catering Services**

### **Supplier**

- [Compass Contract Service \(UK\) Ltd](#)

### **Contract value**

- £11,221,709 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

**Award decision date**

12 December 2025

**Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

12 December 2025

**Earliest date the contract will be signed**

14 January 2026

**Contract dates (estimated)**

- 14 February 2026 to 13 February 2029
- Possible extension to 13 February 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The duration detailed above includes the initial term of three years as well as the two optional contract extension periods of 12 months each

**Main procurement category**

Services

**Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three years with two possible extensions of 12 months meaning a maximum contract length of five years

## **CPV classifications**

- 55524000 - School catering services

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## **Information about tenders**

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Unsuccessful suppliers**

- [Aspens Services Ltd](#)
- [Dolce Ltd](#)
- [Juniper Pursuits Limited](#)
- [Caterlink](#)

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## **Submission**

## **Submission type**

Requests to participate

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Suppliers**

### **Aspens Services Ltd**

- Companies House: 06561073

Whittington

Worcester

WR5 2RY

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.aspens-services.co.uk>

Region: UKG12 - Worcestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

## **Caterlink**

- Companies House: 03732298

300 Thames Valley Park Drive

Reading

RG6 1PT

United Kingdom

Website: <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/>

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

## **Compass Contract Service (UK) Ltd**

- Companies House: 02114954

Parklands Court, 24 Parklands Rubery

Birmingham

B45 9PZ

United Kingdom

Email: [business.development@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:business.development@compass-group.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.compass-group.co.uk>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Dolce Ltd**

- Companies House: 02470662

Automation House

Lowton

WA3 2AN

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.dolce.co.uk/>

Region: UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

## **Juniper Pursuits Limited**

- Companies House: 11227559

29 The Old Town Hall

Stratford

E15 4BQ

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.juniperventures.co.uk/>

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **The Compass Partnership of Schools**

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Region: UKI51 - Bexley and Greenwich

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### **Minerva Procurement Consultancy Services Limited**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement consultancy managing the tender process for The Compass Partnership of Schools

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Basingstoke

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## Contact organisation

Contact [Minerva Procurement Consultancy Services Limited](#) for any enquiries.