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Tender

## Central Region Schools Trust - Catering Contract

CENTRAL REGION SCHOOLS TRUST

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### Scope

### Description

This is a catering tender for the Trust. It is seeking a single supplier to provide catering services to three secondary schools, and nine middle / primary schools, which includes some meal delivery services.

The Trust is seeking a supplier who will work alongside the schools to improve the health and nutrition of the students, through the provision of freshly prepared meals and snacks.

### Total value (estimated)

- £6,300,000 excluding VAT
- £7,560,000 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:

Two x 12 month extensions will be available if agreed in writing by both parties

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Trust may grow over the life of this agreement. It intends to add any new school catering service into this central agreement, once any previous contractual obligation has been fulfilled.

It is also willing to offer a meal production service of other local schools, should they need such a service.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 55524000 - School catering services

## **Contract locations**

- UKG3 - West Midlands

## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

14 January 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

To be compliant to the CRST Purchasing and Procurement Policy we will require bidders to submit all returns to two separate locations.

The formal submissions must be emailed to [tenders@crst.org.uk](mailto:tenders@crst.org.uk) with an additional copy of the document loaded into the Bidiful Portal.

<https://bidiful-teamportal.app>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

11 May 2026

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	The Trust will assess the quality of the suppliers submission through the written submission. This will then be moderated by the information provided at the presentations and measured against the information obtained through the supplied references.	Quality	80%
Price		Price	20%

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**Other information****Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

The procedure will consist of four 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
- Presentation of Proposal to the Authority
- Reference Checking

The evaluation of the shortlisting process will be based on the information submitted by the bidding companies. A shortlist of suppliers will be compiled, with the 4 highest-scoring submissions invited to progress to the subsequent stage of the procurement process.

Only those companies that are selected and formally notified will be invited to submit a response during the ITT stage.

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## **Documents**

### **Associated tender documents**

<https://www.ace-advice.co.uk/current-projects>

Access to the selection stage documentation will be provided upon application in writing to:

Ian Henderson

E: [ian.henderson@ace-advice.co.uk](mailto:ian.henderson@ace-advice.co.uk)

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## **Contracting authority**

### **CENTRAL REGION SCHOOLS TRUST**

- Companies House: 08166526
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTTV-7457-JTPJ

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Birmingham

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United Kingdom

Email: [tenders@crst.org.uk](mailto:tenders@crst.org.uk)

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

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.

### ACE ADVICE LTD

Summary of their role in this procurement: Specialist Consultants

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## Contact organisation

Contact ACE ADVICE LTD for any enquiries.

