

United Kingdom-Bury St Edmunds: School catering services
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Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Thurston Community College

Postal address: Norton Road, Thurston

Town: Bury St Edmunds

Postal code: IP31 3PB

Country: United Kingdom

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Telephone: +44 1276673880

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.thurstoncollege.org/>

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Education

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title

Provision of Catering Services.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 17: Hotel and restaurant services

Main site or place of performance: Thurston Community College.

Bury St Edmunds.

Suffolk.

United Kingdom.

NUTS code UKH14 Suffolk

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

II.1.4. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Thurston Community College, located four miles outside of Bury St Edmunds, is one of the largest co-educational schools in West Suffolk. In September 2014, up to 1 065 Year 7 – 9 pupils mainly from the local middle schools at Beyton, Blackbourne and Ixworth will move to

the main College site in Norton Road, Thurston and the current Sixth Form will move to the site at Beyton. The contractor selected at the conclusion of this tender process will therefore be providing a catering service for between an estimated 1 865 to 2 090 pupils across both sites and up to 200 staff.

The proportion of students entitled to free school meals is below average and the proportion of minority ethnic backgrounds well below average.

Under the leadership of the Principal, Helen Wilson, Thurston Community College is thriving. It is accredited as a National Healthy School and is a flagship school for the Food for Life Partnership.

The College serves a large rural catchment area and therefore the majority of students are bussed in. With the exception of the Sixth Form, all students have to remain on the College premises unless they live in Thurston and have a note from parents stating they are going home for lunch. When the Sixth Form moves to the Beyton Road site next year, there will be no local shops for them to buy snacks or lunch. The catering operator will therefore have a largely "captive audience" for its services on both sites and this is therefore a great opportunity for the right bidder.

At Beyton the service is managed in-house but the new contract will be for both sites and therefore TUPE is likely to apply to these staff. The catering service at the Thurston Site is outsourced but the contract ends in July 2014. The College is therefore taking this opportunity, at a moment of significant structural change, to ensure that going forward the best possible service is provided to all ages of students across both sites, and on the most competitive terms.

Students and staff at the Thurston site pay for breakfast, morning break and lunch services with a cashless biometric system. Annual paid-for meal income is currently around 166 000 GBP, with 22 000 GBP of this from Sixth Form sales. 186 students are currently entitled to a free school meal, of whom typically 115 actually take up the offer. In addition, staff who undertake a voluntary lunchtime duty are also provided with a school meal, paid for by the college. The total value of free school meals and staff meals is 37 000 GBP. The College is seeking a contractor who is able to adapt their services flexibly to the requirements of a changing student population. A healthy food offer that maximises uptake at both communities on the most economically advantageous terms is sought.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

55524000 School catering services

II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.2. Total value of the contract/lot

II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.2. Award criteria

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Food. Weighting 18
2. Management. Weighting 10
3. People. Weighting 12
4. Service Development. Weighting 20
5. Finance. Weighting 35
6. Compliance. Weighting 5

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Contract notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2013/S 201-348109](#) of 16.10.2013

Section V: Award of contract

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

10.2.2014

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: ABM Catering Ltd

Postal address: Eagle Court 63-67 Saltisford

Town: Warwick

Postal code: CV34 3AF

Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1926498448

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

V.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about European Union funds

VI.2. Additional information

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

VI.3.2. Review procedure

VI.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.4.

Date of dispatch of this notice

12.3.2014