

United Kingdom-Barnsley: School catering services
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Contract notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Wellspring Academy Trust
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I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/wellspring_academy_trust_catering_services
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5. Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Wellspring Academy Trust ~ Tender for Catering Services.

II.1.2. Main CPV code

55524000 School catering services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Wellspring Academy network is a progressive and growing network of mostly primary schools and special or alternative academies located predominantly in the Barnsley, Leeds, Grimsby and Lincolnshire areas.

The requirement is initially to provide catering services to the Leeds and Barnsley cluster of schools with the contract commencing January 2018. Other schools may then be added to the contract as and when existing contracts come to an end or additional schools join the network within the contract term. Schools may choose not to opt in to the Trust wide contract and continue with their existing arrangement.

The existing provision is delivered through a mix of local authority, private contractor and in-house delivery models with new schools also opening with no current provision as identified further within this notice.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 5 000 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKE31 Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham

NUTS code: UKE42 Leeds

Main site or place of performance: Various schools: Leeds and Barnsley, United Kingdom.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Leeds and Barnsley networks consist of the following schools:

- Oakhill Primary Academy ~ Barnsley
- Oakwell Rise Academy ~ Barnsley
- The Forest Academy ~ Barnsley
- Greenacre School ~ Barnsley
- Springwell Learning Community ~ Barnsley
- Victoria Primary Academy ~ Leeds
- Ebor Gardens Primary Academy ~ Leeds
- Springwell Leeds Oakwood ~ Leeds
- Springwell Leeds East ~ Leeds (opening January 2018)
- Springwell Leeds South ~ Leeds (opening April 2018)
- Springwell Leeds North ~ Leeds (opening September 2018)

Numbers catered for on-site range from 12 to 268 with some sites have a cook on site and some a delivered service.

It should be noted that the schools have different term dates and provide facilities / catering during school holidays.

The contract will be for a period of up to 3 years for each school, starting from 1.1.2018 with an option to extend on an annual basis up to a maximum of 5 years.

The Trust currently has 15 academies across 42 sites and expects rapid growth over the next 2 years, resulting in around 25 to 30 academies within the Trust. If the catering provider exceeds expectations within this contract, the Trust would consider extending the contract to include other academies across the region.

Objectives:

The Trust requires a fully outsourced catering solution and has identified the following three key objectives for school meals provision:

1. Develop high quality, popular meal service arrangements for all students and staff to be offered consistently on a Trust-wide basis.
2. Ensure compliant services that meet the key daily needs of students in sustaining learning and promoting wellbeing within environments that encourage positive social experiences during meal times.
3. Ensure that best value is achieved for participating Academies. The Trust expects to benefit from the expected economies of scale of contracting out the service as a network of schools.

Menus and Nutrition:

1. All meals should be cooked from scratch using fresh ingredients. As far as possible, local, seasonal and organic ingredients should be used. Meals should include both raw and cooked vegetables where appropriate.
2. Meals should include as a minimum a meat hot dish; a vegetarian hot dish; a vegetable side dish; fresh bread or rolls; a jacket potato with various fillings and a pudding. In addition to this, a salad bar should be provided each day.
3. Our pupils are likely to have a range of other dietary requirements, including vegan, gluten free, allergies, dairy and wheat intolerance; a need for halal or kosher food; etc. Suppliers should set out how they will provide menus that facilitate meeting these requirements.

Please note: a number of our schools provide for children with varying degrees of physical, social and emotional special needs. As some pupils in our Special Schools have medical needs it is of particular importance that they are provided with personalised e.g. meals which contain no protein.

As a minimum we require the food to meet with the National Food Standards in Schools. However, we require meals to be healthy, balanced and nutritious. Suppliers may wish to provide nutritional analysis of regular dishes to demonstrate this, either as part of the tender or through the year.

Staffing

TUPE will apply. A number of catering staff are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme. The successful contractor will be expected to apply for Admitted Body Status to the relevant administering authority.

Contract value 2 600 000 GBP approximately (3 years), excluding Springwell sites opening 2018.

Further information is provided in the procurement documents.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 5 000 000,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start: 01/01/2018 End: 31/12/2022

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5 Maximum number: 10 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A minimum of 5 suppliers and a maximum of 10 suppliers will be taken forward to the tender stage of the process. Where less than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standards, only those

that meet the minimum standards will be taken through to the tender stage. Where more than 5 suppliers meet the minimum standard, those suppliers with the highest scores will proceed to the tender stage.

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 18/08/2017 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 15/09/2017

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

Interest in the selection process should be expressed via email only to pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk clearly stating within this email which contract / notice you are referring to. Please also provide, as a minimum, a contact name, full company postal address and telephone number. The Selection Questionnaire and associated documents can be obtained at: http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/wellspring_academy_trust_catering_services

The closing date for receipt of the Selection Questionnaire is 18.8.2017 (12:00). Suppliers are required to ensure that documents are obtained and returned to The Litmus Partnership Limited, by email to pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk by the above closing date and time.

Documents in respect of economic / financial standing (where indicated in the Selection Questionnaire) shall be returned to The Litmus Partnership Limited, by email to pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk by the above closing date and time.

It will be the Supplier's responsibility to obtain any necessary documents in order to submit a response by the closing date and time.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to award any or part of the contract which is the subject of this Contract Notice and reserves the right to terminate the procurement process at any time.

The contracting authority will not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity.

The contracting authority will consider variant bids, evaluating them (so far as the variant or the evaluation of the variant is in the opinion of the contracting authority practicable) on the same basis as a conforming bid, but shall not be obliged to accept any such bid in preference to a conforming bid even if the variant bid scores more highly. No variant will be considered unless the bidder simultaneously submits a conforming bid.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Wellspring Academy Trust

Town: Barnsley

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

14/07/2017