

**United Kingdom-Birmingham: Grounds maintenance services**  
**OJ S 204/2015 21/10/2015**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Directive 2004/18/EC**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

Postal address: Lichfield Road

Town: Birmingham

Postal code: B74 2NH

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: The Litmus Partnership Ltd

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.bvgs.co.uk/>

Electronic access to information: [http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/bishop\\_veseys\\_grammar\\_school](http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/bishop_veseys_grammar_school)

**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

**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**

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**II.1. Description**

**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School — Grounds Maintenance Services.

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

Services

Service category No 1: Maintenance and repair services

Main site or place of performance: Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Birmingham, United Kingdom.

NUTS code UKG31 Birmingham

### **II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The notice involves a public contract

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The successful tenderer will be required to provide grounds maintenance services at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield.

The contract being tendered is for 3 years, from 1.11.2016 until 31.10.2019, with an option for a further extension period at the end of the contract term for a further term of 3 years.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

77314000 Grounds maintenance services

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

This tender project is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified contractor whose experience, initiative and innovation will be an asset to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in enhancing the appearance of the grounds and general campus along with all pitches used for football, rugby and cricket.

The contract will be fixed price in nature, with the Contractor invoicing the Client for 1/12 of the annual cost on a monthly basis. Whilst the monthly charge will represent 1/12 of the contract cost, reconciliation will take place annually to reconcile the achievement of input hours and delivery of the specification of the contract. The Client requires that the tendered specification is undertaken at all times and the successful contractor is expected to have a system in place to cover for both planned and unplanned absence of the staff dedicated to the contract and also the resource to meet the season needs of the contract.

The value of the current contract is in the region of GBP 60 000 per annum.

The scope of the contract and specification will include but not be limited to:

1. Maintenance of Grassed Areas.
2. Sports Pitch Marking and Maintenance.
3. Maintenance of Shrub and Plant Borders.
4. Hedge and Tree Maintenance.
5. Weed Control.
6. Fence Lines.
7. Drainage Ditches.
8. Preparation and maintenance of the cricket square to U19 county standards.

It is also the objective of this tender for the successful contractor to have in place a management support structure, site supervision and training plan that ensures that all Client locations are kept to standard at all times and that the required grounds maintenance specification is achieved consistently.

It should be noted that the successful contractor will be expected to provide innovation, proven maintenance methods and appropriate equipment to the contract, thus ensuring that the

highest levels of service are maintained in all areas at all times.

The successful Contractor will be expected to actively work with Bishop Vesey's Grammar School to support Environmental Statement / Aims, outline their own environmental policies and demonstrate what measures and procedures they propose to take.

Bishop Vesey's objectives are:

- To further increase the standards of Grounds Maintenance, within all areas of the School.
- To receive a service that complies with the tender specification standards, which includes the preparation of the cricket wicket to U19 county standards and the maintenance of this wicket during the course of the season.
- To receive consistently high quality Grounds Maintenance standards.
- To generate an improved environment for all students, in all areas of the School.
- To receive pro-active management support from the grounds maintenance contractor.
- To hold regular review meetings with the successful contractor.
- To support the Contractor in working with students with regard to curriculum links, work experience, apprenticeships and Eco Groups.
- To achieve overall value for money.

## **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

## **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Start 1.11.2016. Completion 31.10.2022

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: Tenderers will be required to complete and submit a pre-qualification questionnaire and associated documentation to The Litmus Partnership Limited.

Minimum standards for participation are stated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Failure to achieve a pass in any of the minimum standards may result in your exclusion from any further part in this process.

Grounds for mandatory and discretionary exclusion — questions are stated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Tenderers will be required to complete and submit a pre-qualification questionnaire and associated documentation to The Litmus Partnership Limited.

Minimum standards for participation are stated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Failure to achieve a pass in any of the minimum standards may result in your exclusion from any further part in this process.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Economic and financial standing —

Tenderers are required to have a minimum annual turnover of 350 000 GBP (three hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling).

Suppliers must be financially fluid and currently trading.

They must not be recorded at Companies House as having any negative action / event (dissolved, removed, in liquidation, etc.) that calls into question their financial / corporate standing. Such action / event will be deemed to be a failure to meet minimum standards of economic and financial standing. Additionally, suppliers must provide suitable evidence in the form of the last full year of accounts (audited and accompanied by auditors' confirmation where they are above the statutory threshold for providing audited accounts, or certified by their bank if they are below the statutory audit threshold). Non provision of such evidence to a satisfactory standard will be deemed to be a failure to meet minimum standards of economic and financial standing.

If a business has been recently set up and not audited, annual or endorsed accounts have been produced, unaudited or management accounts for the 3 months prior to the application must be provided and certified by an independent Chartered Accountant or accompanied by a positive bankers reference for the bidder.

Where information is available to the contracting authority that points to concerns over financial viability, further information may be requested to evidence financial viability and non-availability of, or refusal to provide such evidence, will be deemed to be a failure to meet minimum standards of economic and financial standing.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Tenderers will be required to complete and submit a pre-qualification questionnaire and associated documentation to The Litmus Partnership Limited.

Minimum standards for participation are stated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Failure to achieve a pass in any of the minimum standards may result in your exclusion from any further part in this process.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Tenderers are required to self-certify whether they already have, or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the minimum levels of insurance cover of:

Employers Liability Cover — 5 000 000 GBP (five million pounds sterling).

Public Liability Cover — 5 000 000 GBP (five million pounds sterling).

Other questions as indicated in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire shall be assessed and scored as per the stated criteria.

### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

##### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Restricted

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number 5: and 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.

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

### **IV.2. Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be 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**

#### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

#### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

20.11.2015 - 12:00

#### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

11.12.2015

#### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

#### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

#### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

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

### **VI.3. Additional information**

Interest in the pre-qualification process should be expressed via email only to [pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto: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 pre-qualification questionnaire and associated documents can be obtained at:

[http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/bishop\\_veseys\\_grammar\\_school](http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/bishop_veseys_grammar_school)

The closing date for receipt of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is 20.11.2015 (12:00).

Tenderers are required to ensure that documents are obtained and returned to The Litmus Partnership Limited, by email to [pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk](mailto:pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk) by the above closing date and time.

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

It will be the Tenderer'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 OJEU 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**

#### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

#### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

16.10.2015