

**United Kingdom-Rochester: School catering services**  
**OJ S 160/2019 21/08/2019**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: The Thinking Schools Academy Trust  
Postal address: c/o The Rochester Grammar School, Maidstone Road  
Town: Rochester  
NUTS code: UKJ4 Kent  
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**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <http://www.tsatrust.org.uk>

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

The Thinking Schools 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 successful supplier will be required to provide catering services for the Thinking Schools Academy Trust at the following schools:

- All Faiths Children's Academy,
- Cedar Children's Academy,
- Goodwin Academy,
- Holcome Grammar School,
- Isambard Brunel Junior School,
- Meon Infant School,
- Meon Junior School,

- Moorings Way Infant School,
- New Horizons Children's Academy,
- Newbridge Junior School,
- Penhale Infant School,
- The Gordon Children's Academy,
- The Portsmouth Academy,
- The Rochester Grammar School,
- The Victory Academy,
- The Thinking Schools Academy Trust.

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust, ranked the best multi-academy trust (MAT) in the country for the performance of its secondary schools by the DfE, is made up of a family of schools that work together to 'improve the life chances' of all our children and young people.

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 5 500 000,00 GBP

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKJ3 Hampshire and Isle of Wight

NUTS code: UKJ4 Kent

Main site or place of performance: See II.1.4) Short Description UNITED KINGDOM

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The tender project is seeking to appoint a supplier whose initiative and innovation will be welcomed for the provision of service within the existing facilities for the, with a focus on exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of pupil tastes and dietary requirements. The trust would wish the successful supplier to review the current range of services offered and make recommendations accordingly.

The contract being tendered is for 3 years in duration from 1.9.2019 to 31.8.2022 and will operate as a guaranteed performance contract, with the successful supplier offering the Trust schools a guaranteed return/cost per annum for the provision of catering services. Sovereignty of the cash tariff is to remain with the schools for the duration of this contract.

The academic year is based on a calendar of 195 days. Five days are to be used for staff professional development which means that School will be open to receive students for the legal minimum of 190 days.

The contract offered covers the scope for the provision of all school catering services, which currently includes morning break, lunch, all hospitality and free issue requirements. Free school meals and hospitality will be charged based on consumption and at net food cost. Whilst the Trust prioritises value for money as a key objective of the competitive tender process, the governing body is not obliged to accept the lowest price.

The trust expects the successful supplier to enable the continued development of catering through the provision of an innovative, healthy food service, with fresh, seasonal, locally sourced ingredients being prepared on-site. The trust expects the successful supplier to evidence, through their bid, how they shall support and complement its values and support the principles of every child matters.

The Trust school clients believe that success should be celebrated and that pupils should enjoy their time at school; if lessons are stimulating and challenging then students will love learning. Much time therefore, is spent reviewing and planning schemes of work to ensure that

they are differentiated to meet the needs of all students. As a result, the trust is very enthusiastic regarding work experience and apprenticeship proposals and would welcome the input of the successful supplier.

As a trust who are continually seeking ways to improve and develop the ethos and environment for school students and staff, to give them the facilities they deserve and need to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, any consideration regarding inward capital investment as part of the supplier's tender submission would be welcomed. The trust would wish for the supplier to look at making this investment within the existing dining areas. Please be advised that this contract will be let on a 3 + 2 years basis.

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Food / Weighting: 17.5

Quality criterion - Name: Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: People / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Service development / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Contract compliance and cultural fit / Weighting: 12.5

Cost criterion - Name: Finance / Weighting: 35

#### **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 IV: Procedure**

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#### **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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2018/S 184-416516](#)

##### **IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

##### **IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

### **Section V: Award of contract**

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#### **Title:**

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust — Tender for Catering Services

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2. Award of contract**

**V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

21/05/2019

**V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

**V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Compass Contract Services (UK) Ltd trading as Chartwells

Town: Birmingham

NUTS code: UKG31 Birmingham

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Total value of the contract/lot: 5 500 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.3. Additional information**

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The Thinking Schools Academy Trust

Town: Rochester

Country: United Kingdom

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

19/08/2019