

United Kingdom-Rochester: School catering services
OJ S 184/2018 25/09/2018
Contract notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

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
Postal code: ME1 3BY
Country: United Kingdom
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Main address: <http://www.tsatrust.org.uk>

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: http://www.litmuspartnership.co.uk/project/the_thinking_schools_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

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. (Further information is provided in the SQ Documentation.)

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 5 500 000,00 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: 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 three 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

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: 5 500 000,00 GBP

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

Start: 01/09/2019 End: 31/08/2024

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: 02/11/2018 Local time: 12:00

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

Date: 11/01/2019

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/the_thinking_schools_academy_trust_catering_services

The closing date for receipt of the Selection Questionnaire is 2.11.2018 (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: The Thinking Schools Academy Trust

Town: Rochester

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

21/09/2018