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**United Kingdom-Anglesey: School-meal services
2019/S 171-417632**

Prior information notice

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Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Soft Market Testing — School Meals Catering Contract 2020

II.1.2) Main CPV code

55523100

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The provision of school meals services to 40 primary and 5 secondary schools on the Isle of Anglesey. AVL Consultancy Ltd (AVL), as catering consultants advisors to IOACC, are facilitating this Soft Market Testing (SMT) exercise. The objective of this SMT is to seek contract caterers' opinion and feedback to help inform its procurement strategy for the provision of a healthy and cost effective school meals service.

If you are interested in contributing to this soft market testing exercise, please download the online briefing document from this website, then complete and return the attached questionnaire via email to andrew@avlconsultancy.co.uk (Andrew Etherington, Senior Partner, AVL Consultancy Ltd.) The deadline for submission of responses is 20.9.2019.

Please note that this document is not an invitation to tender.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 12 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKL11

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Public services across Wales and the UK are continuing to plan for cuts in the funding that we receive, and there will be more difficult decisions ahead about the services that we provide and how we provide them. We will continue to take those decisions in consultation with local people and with the best interest of Anglesey and its people at heart.

We continue to look for ways to improve our services, making them more efficient and of the best quality. These improvements include continuing to modernise the way we work.

With this aim in mind, and in order to explore how we can re-shape our future catering contract, expressions of interest are sought from any organisation or business wishing to take part in a soft market testing exercise with IOACC.

In particular we wish to discuss how the caterer might be incentivised to:

- increase levels of uptake of both free and paid meals in both primary and secondary schools,
- provide a healthy and balanced menu that will be attractive with pupils and parents, whilst minimising the regular offer of snack foods such as pasta and jacket potatoes,
- reduce and control costs,
- enter into a mutually beneficial partnership with IOACC.

In order to achieve these aims, it is envisaged that prospective service providers might wish to propose innovative options for the service delivery.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

03/09/2019

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

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

02/09/2019