

United Kingdom-Birmingham: School catering services
OJ S 198/2020 12/10/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: CORE Education Trust

Postal address: 55 St Paul's Square

Town: Birmingham

NUTS code: UKG31 Birmingham

Postal code: B8 3HG

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: pqq@litmuspartnership.co.uk

Telephone: +44 1276-673880

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.core-education.co.uk>

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

CORE Education 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

CORE Education Trust is defined by its commitment to find the right solutions for the schools that they sponsor. The right solutions are inspired by the local context and are carefully constructed through dialogue, consultation and collaboration.

CORE Education Trust are bold and ambitious in their aspiration to lead pioneering educational sponsorship, inspired by an outward facing ethos and an emphasis on personalisation. In adversity they seek innovation, in learning they discover truth and in leading they find humility.

The successful supplier will be required to provide catering services for CORE Education Trust (the Client) at the following locations:

- Arena Academy,
- Central Academy,
- City Academy,
- Jewellery Quarter Academy,
- Rockwood Academy.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 1 700 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKG3 West Midlands

Main site or place of performance: West Midlands, UNITED KINGDOM.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The contract being tendered is for 3 years in duration from 1 August 2020 until 31 July 2023 and will operate as a guaranteed performance contract, with the successful supplier offering each school 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 Trust is expected to grow in the number of schools becoming part of the Trust during this contract period. The provision of catering services within any further schools when they have joined the Trust may fall under the scope of this contract. The successful supplier would be expected to provide the catering service within the additional schools using the same costing model, ratios, etc. that they applied to their successful financial submission for the Trust, at the point of tender submission. The duration of contract for these schools will not be increased and they will join the contract for the remaining contract period that exists at the point of entry into the Trust.

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

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 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 teaching and support staff and students on roll, all of whom have a focus on the introduction of exciting new food concepts to satisfy a wide range of 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 offered covers the scope for the provision of all catering services within the schools, which currently includes breakfast, 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.

CORE Education Trust expect 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 keeping children safe in education.

The Trust believes that success should be celebrated and that students should enjoy their time at school; if lessons are stimulating and challenging then students will love learning. Therefore, much time 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 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 will wish the supplier to look at making this investment within the existing dining areas, with attention being given to the upgrade of the current cashless systems counter layouts and furnishings and the implementation of a procedure that would assist in producing a reduction of current queuing times.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price

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

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: [2019/S 220-539938](#)

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

Contract No: 539938

Title:

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

19/06/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Mellors Catering Services Ltd

National registration number: 07717083

Postal address: West Lancs Technology Centre

Town: Skelmersdale

NUTS code: UKD47 Chorley and West Lancashire

Postal code: WN8 9TN

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 1 700 000,00 GBP

Total value of the contract/lot: 1 500 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

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:

<https://litmuspartnership.co.uk/sq/core-education/>

The closing date for receipt of the selection questionnaire is 20 December 2019 (12.00).

Suppliers are required to ensure that documents are obtained and returned to the Litmus Partnership Ltd, 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 Ltd, 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: CORE Education Trust

Town: Birmingham

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

07/10/2020