School Council Expression of Interest (EOI) Uniform Supply Service at Auburn Primary School

Submission Details:

Closing Time:	Thursday 12 th May at 4.00pm	
Place of Lodgement:	auburn.ps@education.vic.gov.au	
Receiving Staff Member:	Janine Stack, Business Manager	
Additional Details:	All EOI submissions must be hard copy, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Expression of Interest, Uniform Supply Service Auburn Primary "	
	Please provide three hard copies of your EOI submission.	
	The submission must also be provided via email. EOI submissions must be received at the following email address before the Closing Time: auburn.ps@education.vic.gov.au	
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Submissions must follow the format attached, including the completion of all Forms, plus supporting documentation and any additional requested information.

CONDITIONS

1. EOI Presentations

Auburn Primary School ("the School") does not warrant the accuracy of the content of the EOI. The School will not be liable for any omission from the EOI document.

2. Confidentiality

The School may require persons and organisations wishing to access or obtain a copy of this EOI (or information relevant to this EOI) to execute a deed of confidentiality in a form required by, or satisfactory to, the School before or after access is granted.

Whether or not execution of a deed of confidentiality is required by the School, all persons obtaining or receiving this EOI and any other information in connection with the EOI must keep the contents of the EOI and such other information confidential and not disclose or use that information except as required for the purpose of developing a response to this EOI.

3. EOI Documents

All responses to the EOI and any accompanying documents will, upon submission, become the property of the School. The School will not return any of these documents.

By submitting a response to this EOI, the service provider licenses the School to reproduce the whole or any portion of the documents which it has submitted for the purposes of, or in connection with, its evaluation, notwithstanding any copyright or other intellectual property rights that may subsist in those documents.

4. Enquiries

Enquiries concerning the EOI must be made to the following Contact Person:

Name:	Janine Stack
Title:	Business Manager
E-mail:	auburn.ps@education.vic.gov.au

All enquiries concerning the EOI must be in writing and can only be made up to three (3) days prior to the Closing Time.

The School will respond to enquiries correctly lodged in accordance with the above conditions in writing and the response from the School will be provided to all parties that have requested a copy of the EOI document.

Should a service provider contact any person other than the Contact Person nominated above (including but not limited to: any parents and School Council member or office bearer, employee, school employee, departmental officer or an employee of the current provider) in regards to this EOI, it may be disqualified from the EOI process and may be ineligible for consideration.

5. Late EOI

If an EOI is lodged after the Closing Time, it may be disqualified from the EOI process and may be ineligible for consideration unless:

- The service provider can clearly document to the satisfaction of the School that an event of exceptional circumstances caused the EOI to be lodged after the Closing Time; and
- The School is satisfied that accepting a late submission would not compromise the integrity of the process.

The determination of the School as to the actual time that the service provider's response is lodged is final. All EOIs lodged after the Closing Time will be recorded by the School. The School will inform service providers whose EOI was lodged after the Closing Time of their ineligibility for consideration.

6. Incomplete EOIs

If an EOI does not include all the information in the format required by the EOI or is incomplete in any way as determined by the School in its sole discretion, it may be rejected.

7. Validity of EOIs

An EOI will be valid for acceptance by the School for a period of 90 business days from the Closing Time. This period may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties.

8. Unauthorised Communication and Improper Assistance

Service providers are required to direct all communications through the Contact Person, unless advised otherwise by the Contact Person or the School. Unauthorised communication and/or seeking to obtain assistance of employees, agents or contractors of the School in preparation of their proposal may, in the absolute discretion of the School, lead to disqualification of an EOI submission.

9. Reservation

The School reserves the right to, in its absolute discretion, refuse to consider or accept any EOI or all EOIs. The School will not necessarily accept the lowest priced EOI nor any other EOI. The School further reserves the right to:

- a) Reject all EOIs without giving reason for the rejection; and
- b) Accept a portion or the whole of any EOI at the price or prices quoted unless the EOI states specifically to the contrary.
- c) Negotiate with one or more service providers and allow any service provider to vary its EOI.

10. Preferred service provider

Selection as a preferred service provider does not give rise to a contract (express or implied) between the preferred supplier and the School Council for the supply of Services. No legal relationship will exist between the School and the preferred supplier until such time as a binding agreement is executed by both parties.

11. Conflict of Interest

When submitting its submission, the service provider must declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest which may arise between the service provider and the School or the School and any subcontractor which the service provider proposes to engage in respect of the supply of Services.

EOI DETAILS

1. Background

Auburn Primary School (APS) has a student population of just over 380 and is located in the eastern suburb of Hawthorn East. The values of respect, responsibility and resilience guide the decisions and behaviours of all members of our school community. Additional information about the school is available at the School's website – www.auburnps.vic.edu.au.

Students at APS are required to wear a school uniform.

Auburn Primary School currently outsource their uniform supply to a supplier with a retail premises. The retail premises operates 6 days a week and has extended operating hours. The option of purchasing online as 'click & collect' or delivery is also available to customers.

The school requires a supplier to continue to providing compulsory uniform as per Annexure 1. The school reserve the right to ask the shortlisted supplier to provide samples of the offered items (free of charge).

2. Scope

Length of Service

The contract period will initially be for four (4) years commencing from the Date specified in the letter of acceptance. The Contract has one (1) extension option, four (4) year duration, exercisable at the absolute discretion of the School. The continuity of the contract will be subject to the contractor providing the stated services in a manner and price acceptable to the School.

Important Dates

- School Site visite date: by appointment for viewing of samples on 26th April, 2022
- EOI Closing date: 12th May, 2022
- EOI proposals shortlisted by: 13th May, 2022
- Decision made regarding preferred service provider: 31st May, 2022
- Preferred service provider informed of decision and beginning of contract negotiations: 1st June, 2022
- Commencement of service to the School: 11th July, 2022

Short-listed supplier(s) may be asked to deliver a presentation to the School's selection panel. The School may also elect to undertake a site visit with the short-listed supplier(s).

Requirements

APS is looking to procure the supply of school uniform at a retail premises to ensure integrity, probity, quality of goods, competitive pricing and excellence in customer service. The supply of uniform services at a retail premises may include, but is not limited to:

- retail outlet within 5kms of APS
- Online ordering
- Home delivery

and must include, at a minimum:

- A plan in the form of options for the sale of existing stock (e.g., purchase of current stock to on sell)
- Provision of all compulsory uniform items as listed at Annexure 1, ensuring that all existing designs and patterns in use are retained
- Ability for compulsory uniform items to be added, modified or removed from time to time, as determined by APS School Council

- Policies and procedures in customer care and service, and delivery of quality goods and services, including returns/refunds
- Ability to make staff available for parent information sessions at the School as needed (e.g., during Prep orientation)
- Ability to submit reports to the School on a quarterly basis that detail performance against key performance metrics (e.g., on time delivery, customer satisfaction)

Provision of Samples

It is requested that sample garments are provided in responding to this EOI. Requested samples to be provided, free of charge, are:

- Short & Long sleeve polo
- Full zip jacket
- Rugby Top
- Track pants
- Skort
- Shorts
- Dress
- Tunic

3. Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for rating responses received from service providers are as follows:

1. Quality and Value:

- The provider must demonstrate experience as an approved provider of quality uniform.
- The provider must demonstrate the ability to make uniform items that are affordable while maintaining quality of product consistently available to the School Community.
- The provider must demonstrate the ability to source and supply quality uniform items by selecting Australian made items or using local businesses, and selecting manufacturers/suppliers that can provide evidence that they meet ethical manufacturing standards and sustainable production of items.
- The School is not bound to accept the lowest submitted rates.

2. Financial viability:

The provider must detail a plan for buy back of existing stock

3. Customer Care and Service:

- A detailed plan for maintaining high levels of customer care and service, including how feedback from the School Community can be gathered and used to improve service provision as appropriate

4. Provision of items:

- The provider must detail a plan for the supply of uniform items to ensure that items are consistently and reliably available to the School Community and in line with the service requirements as outlined in this EOI
- The provider must detail a plan for how to maintain stock levels to ensure supply of items at the right times and at the right places to meet the needs of the School Community
- The provider must detail a plan to incorporate new items lan with options for the use and management of existing stock
- 5. Contract Documentation

The successful service provider will be required to enter into an agreement with the School Council under the terms and conditions of the DET School Council Agreement for the appointment of School Uniform Supplier Agreement. Special conditions may be included subject to the agreement of the School Council. Note that payment for the uniform will be made directly by the student parent and the school is not liabile.

The above selection criteria are not presented in any particular order or ranking.

FORM 1 – COMPANY DETAILS

Attached is the Expression of Interest of:

Business / Corporation / Person:	
(Businesses list all proprietors)	
Postal Address:	
Street / Physical Address:	
Australian Business Number (ABN):	ABN:
	OR
	Will you be applying for an ABN?
	Yes No (mark appropriate box)
Is it proposed to sub-contract any part of	
the Goods and/or Services?	Yes No (mark appropriate box)
If "YES", specify full name and address of	
each sub-contractor and their relevant experience and expertise in relation to the	
offered Goods and/or Services	
	Small Medium Large Not for profit
	(mark appropriate box)
Size	Note: Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are defined as firms
	with less than 200 full time equivalent employees. Under 20 full time equivalent employees is defined as Small, 20-199 full time
	equivalent employees is defined as Medium and 200 plus full time
	equivalent employees is defined as Large.
	Indigenous Business Disability Enterprise
	Social Enterprise Not Applicable
Supplier Diversity Status	Other:
	(mark appropriate box)
	Note: Please include copies of relevant documentation to support
	your Supplier Diversity Status
Contact Name, Phone and Fax No:	
Contact email address:	
Authorised Signature(s):	
Name(s):	
Date:	

FORM 2 – SPECIFICATION AND PRICES STATEMENT

The response to the EOI should include:

- a) Details on how you will meet the service requirements and selection criteria
- b) Details of your knowledge and previous experience as a uniform supplier, including the details of three (3) referees
- c) Detail of your organisation's resources and systems to support the delivery of the required services, including the names and qualifications of staff and the roles they will play in the delivery of the services
- d) Details of any value adding services, such as innovation
- e) Provide a list of prices for the required items
- f) Declaration of any conflict of interest (potential or real) and how this may be managed
- g) Details of your organisation's financial viability
- h) Details of your professional insurances held
- i) Sample garmets as requested
- j) Any other relevant information (e.g., non-compliances with requirements)

FORM 3 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

I / We, ______(the approved provider), make the following declaration of any actual or perceived conflict of interest, including but not limited to any pecuniary or other interests in [insert school name] or any relationships our staff and office bearers have with [insert school name] management, staff and/or School Council members.

Name (print)

Signed:

Date:

FORM 4 - REFEREES

1. Where possible, provide details of up to three (3) customers (preferably schools) to which your organisation has/is provided/providing a similar Service. NOTE: These schools MAY be contacted to verify past/present performances.

ORGANISATION	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS

AUBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPULSORY UNIFORM YEARS PREP TO 6

Item	Description	Colour	School Logo
Jumpers/Vests	• * *		
	Rugby Top	Bottle Green with gold stripes on collar	Gold Logo
	Polar Fleece Vest	Bottle Green	Gold Logo
	Polar Fleece Jacket	Bottle Green	Gold Logo
Tops			
	Short Sleeve Polo	Gold	Green Logo
	Short Sleeve Polo	Green	Gold Logo
	Long Sleeve Polo	Gold	Green Logo
	Long Sleeve Polo	Green	Gold Logo

		Cold	
	Gold Skivvy	Gold	n/a
	Interschool Sports Top Year 5-6 only	As per current design	As per current design
Pants			
	Shorts – elastic waist	Bottle Green	N/A
	Sport Shorts	Bottle Green	N/A
	Trouser – elastic waist	Bottle Green	N/A
	Trackpant – Straight Leg	Bottle Green	N/A
	Trackpant – Doubleknee	Bottle Green	N/A
Dresses			
	Summer Dress	As per current fabric and design	N/A

	Tunic	As per current fabric and design Bottle Green	N/A
		As per current fabric and design	
School Bag			
	School Bag	As per current design	Gold
Hats			
	Slouch Hat	Bottle Green	Gold
	Bucket Hat	Bottle Green	Gold
Other			
	Art Smock	Bottle Green	N/A
	Tights	Bottle Green	N/A
	Sport Socks		