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Pipeline

NEPRO4

The Association of North East Councils Limited

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Scope

Reference

NEPO503

Description

NEPRO³, originally NEPRO, was first introduced in 2012 acting as a neutral vendor framework delivered through a dedicated delivery partner. From the first iteration of NEPRO we have continued to grow, providing a fully compliant, outcomes-based route for procuring Specialist Professional Services and Consultancy across the public sector. The current and third iteration of the framework, NEPRO³, is scheduled to run until 31 August 2027, at which point it will be re-tendered.

The framework agreement will require a Delivery Partner to strategically work with NEPO for the delivery of Specialist Professional Services procurements across various categories for our members. It is envisaged that this will continue to be a neutral vendor framework and will have an end-to-end process of support for our users across their individual projects.

The current framework agreement has 20 categories of services to procure from, as well

as a supply chain of over 6,000 suppliers.

The solution will be procured using the procedures outlined in the Procurement Act 2023 (PA 2023).

The purpose of this Pipeline Notice is to provide prior information to the market on the intentions of NEPO to procure such a framework.

It is expected that the Delivery Partner will be able to meet the following, in line with ongoing business requirement discussions around NEPRO³:

- Build a strategic relationship with NEPO, working to continuously improve the solution for our end users.
- Deep understanding of public procurement regulations and specialist knowledge across categories to best support Members.
- Ability to manage multiple projects of various scales across the UK public sector simultaneously and deliver value-for-money from beginning to end.
- A strong qualified supply chain for Members to access.
- Experience working in a Neutral Vendor framework or the evidence to provide that the supplier can.
- Ability to monitor supplier performance and the end-to-end process.
- Ability to work with our members to understand needs and support them with their projects, as well as building strong relationships.
- Ability to collate and report on information for the benefit of our members and for transparency.
- A clear focus on Social Value and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) benefits offered through the solution.
- Ability to comply with rebate procedures.

This may be subject to amendment following from Market Engagement which is expected to take place around late February/early March 2026.

NEPO is a Centralised Procurement Authority as defined in the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23), providing central purchasing activity on behalf of Contracting Authorities.

The agreement will be available to NEPO Member Authorities and all current and future Associate Members. Current Associate Members are listed in the Associate Member section of the NEPO website at: <https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/current-associate-members>

NEPO intends to make the agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Procurement Act 2023).

A list of permissible users is available at:

<http://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-users>

Organisations wishing to access the NEPO agreement will be required to register as a NEPO Associate Member in the first instance. Further information can be found at: www.nepo.org

Further and full information regarding Contracting Authorities that may use the agreement will be found in the procurement documents when published.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 August 2027 to 30 August 2031
- Possible extension to 31 August 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 70333000 - Housing services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- GG - Guernsey
- IM - Isle of Man
- JE - Jersey

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

18 June 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

The Association of North East Councils Limited

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