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Tender

NEPO302 Supply of Gas

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nepo.org

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://open-uk.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://open-uk.org/>

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

NEPO302 Supply of Gas

Reference number

NEPO302

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NEPO seeks to procure a Framework Agreement for the Supply of Gas. The current NEPO302 Gas Framework will end 31st March 2026.

The Framework Agreement will include NEPO trading gas on a fully flexible basis from the wholesale market and the subsequent supply of gas to the NEPO Portfolio. The Framework Agreement shall also include a Meter Asset Manager service and subsequent Automatic Meter Reading services.

The Framework Agreement will include provisions for assisting Contracting Authorities to reduce gas consumption and support their energy efficiency aims.

The Framework Agreement currently consists of approximately 27 million therms, per annum, across 3,884 sites.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

- 65000000 - Public utilities

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NEPO are using a 2-stage Competitive Procedure with Negotiation for the procurement of this Framework. The first stage is a Selection Questionnaire which will be used to shortlist suppliers. Shortlisted suppliers will then be Invited to Tender.

The Framework Agreement will be a single supplier and single lot solution. NEPO may also wish to enter into negotiations with tenderers in line with the requirements of the Competition

with Negotiation Procedure. NEPO also reserve the right not to enter into negotiations and award the Framework Agreement on the basis of initial tender. The most economically advantageous tenderer will be awarded the Framework Agreement.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of the services (if any) which will be placed with the successful supplier by any Contracting Authority using the

Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

In accordance with the Framework Agreement, each Contracting Authority will enter into a call-off contract. The call-off contract is to be entered into by both the Contracting Authority and successful supplier and will be based on the terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system (Open). Suppliers wishing to be considered for this Framework Agreement must register their expression of interest and

submit the selection questionnaire and tender response through the Open eTendering System. If not already registered, suppliers should register on the Open eTendering System

at <https://www.open-uk.org/>

Selection Questionnaire and Tender responses must be submitted using the link above. Selection Questionnaire and Tender responses submitted via postal or email methods will

not be accepted.

If you need technical assistance from the Open Support team, this can be requested via open.support@nepo.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Open is accessible 24/7 however, technical support is available Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 5pm and Friday 8.30 - 4.30pm. For guidance on how to submit your response through Open, please visit

<https://www.openhub.org/training> to access the available Training Guides.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

It is anticipated that this Framework Contract will be renewed prior to its conclusion.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Due to the complexity of the Framework Agreement and the requirement to forward purchase gas.

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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: [2024/S 000-017318](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

24 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

28 April 2025

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: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 18-24 months prior to the framework agreement expiry date.

VI.3) Additional information

The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Member Authorities and Associate Members. A list of member organisations is available in the Associate Members section of the NEPO website at: www.nepo.org.

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO 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 resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Public

Contracts Regulations 2015) including but not limited to Government Departments and their Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Central Government, NHS Bodies, Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Coastguard Emergency Services, Educational Establishments, Registered Social Landlords and Registered Charities.

A complete list of permissible users is shown on the NEPO website below:

<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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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