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Contract

## General Banking Services

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0377d9

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

Northern Design Centre, Abbots Hill, Baltic Business Quarter

Gateshead

NE8 3DF

#### Email

[corporate.services@nepo.org](mailto:corporate.services@nepo.org)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

## **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nepo.org/>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

General Banking Services

Reference number

NEPO531

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

NEPO, in collaboration with ESPO and YPO, have established a multi-supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of General Banking Services. The service will be used to deliver core transactional banking arrangements, providing bank account structures to be used for outgoing payments such as creditor cheques, CHAPS, BACS, direct debits, standing order payments, balance requests, commission charges and associated interest payments. Alongside these core transactional services, the Framework Agreement includes ancillary services which sit outside the core elements of the agreement, such as receipt accounts to receive payments, rent allowance accounts for benefit payments, wage accounts for staff salary payments and petty cash accounts and treasury deposits.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £288,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NEPO used a competitive procedure with negotiation for the procurement of this Framework Agreement. The first stage was a selection questionnaire, which was used to shortlist suppliers. Shortlisted suppliers were then be Invited to Tender. The selection questionnaire document also contained an ITT overview that set out the high-level requirements of the Framework Agreement. This document allowed suppliers to determine if they were interested in this opportunity and consider whether they had the required capability and capacity to deliver the Framework Agreement.

The Framework Agreement is a multi-supplier and single lot solution. Those suppliers

shortlisted from selection questionnaire and Invited to Tender were evaluated in accordance with the award criteria contained within the Invitation to Tender documents. NEPO reserved the right to enter into negotiations with tenderers in line with the requirements of the competition with negotiation procedure. NEPO also reserved the right not to enter into negotiations and award the Framework Agreement on the basis of initial tender.

The most economically advantageous tenderers were awarded the Framework Agreement. NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of the services (if any) which are placed with the successful supplier(s) 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(s) and will be based on the terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement is for a period of 48 months with the options to extend for up to a further 2 x 24 month periods. This is due to the commercial and contractual complexity of the Framework Agreement combined with the cost of administering the procurement for NEPO, ESPO, YPO, Contracting Authorities and Tenderers.

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## **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

#### **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: [2023/S 000-017637](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

NEPO531

### **Title**

General Banking Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

5 March 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Barclays Bank PLC

1 Churchill Place

London

E14 5HP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

01026167

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Lloyds Bank PLC

25 Gresham Street

London

EC2V 7HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

00002065

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

National Westminster Bank PLC

250 Bishopsgate

London

EC2M 4AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

00929027

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £288,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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