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NEPO605 - Children's Advocacy, independent people for Children and Adult Complaints and Secure Reviews (C-012113) - Opening One

Newcastle City Council
Darlington Borough Council
Durham County Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
Hartlepool Brough Council
Middlesbrough Council
North Tyneside Council
Northumberland County Council
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
South Tyneside Council
Stockton Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKC13 - Darlington

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.darlington.gov.uk/

I.1) Name and addresses

Durham County Council

Durham

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Country

United Kingdom

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UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

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I.1) Name and addresses

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Middlesbrough

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UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

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I.1) Name and addresses

North Tyneside Council

North Tyneside

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Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

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I.1) Name and addresses

Northumberland County Council

Morpeth

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKC21 - Northumberland

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Home.aspx

I.1) Name and addresses

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Redcar

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

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Main address

https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/Pages/default.aspx

I.1) Name and addresses

South Tyneside Council

South Shields

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Stockton Borough Council

Stockton-on-Tees

Email

craig.bartlett@stockton.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.stockton.gov.uk/

I.1) Name and addresses

Sunderland City Council

Sunderland

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC23 - Sunderland

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

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

www.nepo.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.nepo.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

NEPO605 - Children's Advocacy, independent people for Children and Adult Complaints and Secure Reviews (C-012113) - Opening One

Reference number

NEPO605 - (P-007452 / C-012113)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle City Council ("the Lead Authority") acting as the lead authority on behalf of the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and its Member Authorities, has awarded a Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract) for:

Lot 1 - Children's Advocacy,

Lot 2 - NOT USED

Lot 3 - Investigating Officers (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot 4 - Independent Persons (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot 5 - Independent Chairs for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot 6 - Independent Panellists for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot 7 - Independent Persons for Secure Accommodation Reviews

This Notice is for Opening One of this Flexible Procurement Agreement (Contract) and the Council is inviting tenders for Lots 3 - 7 only.

The North East regional governance arrangements have determined that this is a non-mandatory collaborative exercise, and as a result, Local Authorities can 'opt-in' to the six different elements of the solution, with some Local Authorities choosing to continue to purchase some of these services through other local arrangements.

The Participating Local Authorities 'opting in' to the initial phase of this solution will be:

- 1. Darlington all elements
- 2. Durham all elements except Children's Advocacy
- 3. Gateshead all elements
- 4. Hartlepool all elements
- 5. Middlesbrough all elements
- 6. Newcastle (Lead Authority) all elements
- 7. North Tyneside all elements
- 8. Northumberland all elements except Children's Advocacy
- 9. Redcar & Cleveland all elements
- 10. South Tyneside all elements
- 11. Stockton all elements, and
- 12. Sunderland all elements

Local Authorities who have 'opted out' for any Lot at this initial period of the solution may 'opt-in' to use the solution during its term.

The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members. A list of member organisations is available in the About 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: www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list.

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 who have a need to purchase the above services.

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

https://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

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Investigating Officers (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 - Investigating Officers (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Independent Persons (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4 - Independent Persons (Children and Adult Stage Two Complaints)

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 - Independent Chairs for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 5 - Independent Chairs for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 6 - Independent Panellists for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 6 - Independent Panellists for Stage Three Statutory Children's Social Care Complaints

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 7 - Independent Persons for Secure Accommodation Reviews

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 7 - Independent Persons for Secure Accommodation Reviews

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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12-month options to extend

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 x 12-month options to extend

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Date

18 May 2022

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 May 2022

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle City Council

Newcastle

Country

United Kingdom