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Contract

## **NEPO418 Library books & Digital Content**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[www.nepo.org](http://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**

NEPO418 Library books & Digital Content

Reference number

NEPO418

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22113000 - Library books

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

Supplies

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

The Association of North East Councils Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) seeks to establish a multi-supplier, multi-lot Framework Agreement for the provision of library books and digital content for use by contracting authorities throughout the United Kingdom

The Framework Agreement will be made available to all Members and Associate Members of NEPO including Local Authorities and other Contracting Authorities located in the United Kingdom.

A list of Members of NEPO is available here <https://www.nepo.org/about> and a list of Associate Members is available here <https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list>.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £15,680,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction Books & Multi-media Materials

Lot No

1

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NEPO are using an Open procedure for the procurement of this Framework Agreement for Library Books & Digital Content.

Lot 1 of the Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of two suppliers able to provide a comprehensive selection of Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction and Reference Books along with Multimedia Materials (CDs, DVDs, Blu Rays). Tenderers will be evaluated in accordance with the award criteria contained within the invitation to tender documents.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Children's Fiction, Non-Fiction Books & Multimedia Materials

Lot No

2

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NEPO are using an Open procedure for the procurement of this Framework Agreement for Library Books & Digital Content.

Lot 2 of the Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of two suppliers able to provide a comprehensive selection of Children's Fiction, Non-Fiction Books along with Multimedia Materials (CDs, DVDs, Blu Rays).

Tenderers will be evaluated in accordance with the award criteria contained within the invitation to tender documents.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Wrap Service; Fiction, Non-Fiction Books & Multimedia Materials

Lot No

3

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

- 22113000 - Library books

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NEPO are using an Open procedure for the procurement of this Framework Agreement for Library Books & Digital Content.

Lot 3 of the Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of two suppliers able to provide a comprehensive selection of Fiction, Non-Fiction and Reference Books along with Multimedia Materials (CDs, DVDs, Blu Rays).

Tenderers will be evaluated in accordance with the award criteria contained within the invitation to tender documents.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Digital Content

Lot No

4

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

- 22113000 - Library books
- 48160000 - Library software package

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NEPO are using an Open procedure for the procurement of this Framework Agreement for Library Books & Digital Content.

Lot 4 of the Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of four suppliers able to provide a comprehensive selection of digital content. Lot 4 will be divided into 3 sub-lots:

4a eBooks & eAudiobooks

4b eMagazines & eNewspapers

4c eComics

Tenderers will be evaluated in accordance with the award criteria contained within the invitation to tender documents

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2021/S 000-030514](#)

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

### **Contract No**

NEPO418

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Adult Fiction, Non-Fiction Books & Multimedia Materials

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 February 2022



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

Number of tenders received: 3

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

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

Askews and Holts Library Services Ltd

Eastbourne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

East Yorkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,865,000

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

### **Contract No**

NEPO418

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Children's Fiction, Non-Fiction Books & Multimedia Materials

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 February 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 3

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

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

Askews and Holts Library Services Ltd

Eastbourne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

East Yorkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,815,000

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

### **Contract No**

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### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Wrap Service; Fiction, Non-Fiction Books & Multimedia Materials

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

18 February 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 3

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

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

Askews and Holts Library Services Ltd

Eastbourne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

A T Little & Sons Ltd T/A Browns Books

East Yorkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,500,000

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Contract No**

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**Lot No**

4

**Title**

Digital Content

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

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

18 February 2022

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

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

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

Bolinda UK Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

OverDrive Global Ltd

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Bibliotheca Limited

Stockport

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Ulverscroft Limited

Leicester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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