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Contract

NEPO418 Library books & Digital Content

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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.

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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.

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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

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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

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

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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

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

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NEPO418

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

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NEPO418

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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