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Contract

## **NEPO529 - Events Management and Infrastructure**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a254

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC - North East (England)

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main 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**

NEPO529 - Events Management and Infrastructure

Reference number

NEPO529

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

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

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

Services

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

The Associate of North East Councils Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) is seeking to establish a sole supplier Framework for the provision of Events Management and Infrastructure services for use by contracting authorities throughout the United Kingdom.

NEPO529 - Events Management and Infrastructure will operate as a neutral vendor managed service. The neutral vendor will not provide Events Management and Infrastructure services in its own right but will facilitate the sourcing and selection of suitable suppliers under the Framework Contract. The neutral vendor will manage a perpetual supply chain capable of meeting the scope of the Framework Contract, acting with neutrality at all times.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NEPO are using a Competitive Dialogue procedure for the procurement of this Framework Agreement, set out at Regulation 30 of the Public Contract Regulations.

A maximum of 3 organisations will be invited to Invitation to Competitive Dialogue (assuming that there are at least 3 suitably qualified organisations that pass the minimum criteria.) following evaluation of Tenderers response to the Selection Questionnaire.

If there are fewer than 3 organisations that pass the minimum criteria, then only those who pass will be invited to Invitation to Competitive Dialogue. If there are more than 3 organisations who pass the minimum criteria then the 3 highest scoring tenderers only, based on the scored question within the SQ, will be invited to Invitation to Competitive Dialogue. The minimum criteria are documented within Schedule 1 - Selection Questionnaire and Appendix 1 - Scoring Matrix and include a minimum threshold that must be achieved on the scored question.

Following evaluation of Tenderers responses to the Selection Questionnaire, successful Tenderers will be invited to Invitation to Competitive Dialogue. Discussions during the Competitive Dialogue stage will focus on developing solutions which effectively meet NEPO's aims and ambitions for this Framework Contract.

Following conclusion of the Dialogue stage, Tenderers who have been involved within the Competitive Dialogue will be invited to submit final Tenders. Following submission, Tenderers will be evaluated against the pre-defined evaluation criteria and NEPO will seek to award to a single operator who has been identified as submitting the most economically advantageous bid.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this Framework Agreement must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the NEPO eTender System. If not already registered, candidates should register on the NEPO eTender system at <https://procontract.due-north.com/register>.

Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via post or email methods will not be accepted. If you require time-critical assistance on submitting your Tender please contact the System Support Team on 0330 0050352. For non time-critical issues, such as passwords, general account queries and location of information etc, please contact Proactis Supplier Support Helpdesk Ticketing System (<http://proactis.kayako.com/>) and select ProContract V3 support. You will then need to log in or submit a ticket to register your issue. Alternatively, you can email [ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com](mailto:ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com) this will automatically log a support ticket on the Proactis Supplier Support Helpdesk.

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: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Competitive dialogue

#### **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: [2022/S 000-015990](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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