

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/014993-2023>

Tender

## **NEPO232 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-014993

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03cf8b

Published 25 May 2023, 4:44pm

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

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

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

Durham County Council, C/o Ros Layfield, Legal & Democr

DURHAM

DH15UL

#### **Contact**

Michelle Armstrong

#### **Email**

[fleet@nepo.org](mailto:fleet@nepo.org)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC14 - Durham CC

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://Nepo.org>

Buyer's address

<http://open-uk.org>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<http://open-uk.org>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://open-uk.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**

NEPO232 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Reference number

NEPO232

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

- 09310000 - Electricity

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

Supplies

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

The Association of North East Council Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) are seeking to establish a multi supplier framework agreement for the installation and operation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure on behalf of a public sector body under a call-off contractual arrangement. This framework and future call-offs are relevant for the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure and units. This can be provided by the public sector body themselves, a national Government department (such as LEVI/OZEV/Levelling Up), or via a third party intermediary such as the North East Combined Authority.

NEPO is looking to award a procurement solution to assist the longer-term investment in the regional electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI). This investment is needed to upgrade, operate, and maintain the current network and resource expansion to establish a sustainable long-term future.

The intention is to establish a multi-supplier Framework Agreement for use by NEPO Member Authorities and Associate Members.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 09310000 - Electricity
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Council have opted to procure the NEPO232 EV charging Infrastructure Framework Contract under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR15) competitive negotiated procedure. This procedure has been adopted due to the operational and commercial complexities of procuring such a Framework Contract. However, in accordance with the procedure, NEPO reserves the right to accept the initial Tender without further negotiation. Tenderers should note that any negotiation permitted is in the absolute discretion of NEPO.

The Council retains absolute discretion in deciding whether any changes will be implemented, and Tenderers should therefore be prepared to sign up to the tender as drafted.

Any resulting Framework Contract will consist of:

The Contract Particulars (to be filled in with the relevant details following Framework Contract award);

The Framework Agreement for EV Charging Infrastructure; and

The Invitation to Tender; and

The successful Tender documentation

The Framework Contract will be subject to English law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Any Framework Contract award will be conditional on the Framework Contract being

approved in accordance with the Council's internal procedures and the Council being generally able to proceed and will allow the standstill period of a minimum of 10 calendar days to elapse before sending confirmation of Framework Contract Award to the successful supplier.

The Council communicate through the Open e-tendering system; therefore, all correspondence regarding this Tender will be issued to the named person registered on Open. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the correct named person is registered on Open.

<https://www.open-uk.org>

Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via postal, or email methods will not be accepted.

If you need technical assistance from the Open Support team, this can be requested via [open.support@nepo.org](mailto:open.support@nepo.org)

PLEASE NOTE: Open is accessible 24/7 however, technical support is available Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 5pm and Friday 8.30 - 4.30pm

If you need some guidance on how to submit your response through Open, please visit <https://www.open-hub.org/training> to access the available Training Guides.

#### **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

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

It is anticipated that this framework agreement will be renewed prior to it's conclusion.

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 15

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A maximum of 15 tenderers will be shortlisted from this selection questionnaire process and invited to tender. If there are at least 15 suitably qualified tenderers that pass the minimum criteria. If there are less than 15 tenderers that pass the minimum criteria, then only those tenderers that pass will be invited to tender. If there are more than 15 tenderers that pass the minimum criteria, then the 15 highest scoring tenderers only will be invited to tender.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

---

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **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

26 June 2023

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

English

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

NEPO

Northern Design Centre

Abbotts Hill, Baltic Business Quarter

NE8 3DF

Email

[michelle.armstrong@nepo.org](mailto:michelle.armstrong@nepo.org)

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NEPO is a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). As a Central Purchasing Body NEPO may provide central purchasing activity on behalf of contracting authorities (as defined by PCR15). NEPO intends to make the future framework agreement available for use by all contracting authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK including but not limited to: central government departments and their agencies, local government departments and their agencies, non-departmental public bodies, central government, NHS and HSC bodies (including ambulance services), local authorities, emergency services (including police and fire rescue), coastguard emergency services, educational establishments (including academies), registered social landlords, registered charities and any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Please see the following websites for further details:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>

<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>

<https://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england>

<https://education.gov.scot/ParentZone>

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-in-development>

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/institutions/>



<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/heis/>  
<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/>  
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>  
<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>  
<http://www.scottishambulance.com/TheService/organised.aspx>  
<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts>  
<http://www.scottishambulance.com/AboutUs/HowWeOrganised.aspx>  
<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland>  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/2421/1>

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/contact>

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

<https://www.police.uk/forces/>

<http://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.psnipolice.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency>

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/archive/law-order/Police/PoliceServiceofScotland>

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

<http://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

<https://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords-in-wales/?lang=en>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

[http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About\\_us/Regulation/Registering\\_charities\\_index.aspx](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About_us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

<https://idea.org.uk/>

<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/registerhomepage.aspx>

[http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search\\_Auth.aspx](http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search_Auth.aspx)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644>

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

<http://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissable-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](http://www.nepo.org)