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Planning

## NEPO210 Highway surfacing works

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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### Scope

### Reference

NEPO210

### Description

NEPO is establishing an open framework for highway surfacing works. This proposed solution covers the requirements of Contracting Authorities to undertake planned maintenance programmes and unplanned surfacing works to carriageways and footways, including resurfacing and reconstruction. These works may apply to principal, non-principal and unclassified road networks and may include work away from the highway, e.g. car parks.

Surfacing Works may include, but are not limited to:

- thin surfaces

- anti-skid surfacing
- improvement schemes
- response to major emergencies
- support to the winter maintenance function during weather events

Reactive works to the fabric of the highway may include, but are not limited to:

- pothole repairs
- patching
- minor reinstatements
- footway vehicle crossovers

The works will be supplied to Contracting Authorities under call-off arrangements. The amount of the works to be supplied under this solution is dependent on the number of call-offs made during the lifetime of the framework.

This preliminary market engagement notice provides advance notice to the marketplace of the tendering opportunity and NEPO's intention to undertake market consultation activities with suppliers to help shape the future framework.

NEPO are not advertising this preliminary market engagement notice as a mechanism to reduce future procurement timescales.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £500,000,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2033
- 8 years

### **Main procurement category**

Works

### **CPV classifications**

- 45233000 - Construction, foundation and surface works for highways, roads

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

7 May 2025

### **Engagement process description**

NEPO intend to publish a preliminary market engagement questionnaire via Open e-

Tendering system ([www.open-uk.org](http://www.open-uk.org)). The questionnaire responses will help NEPO design the framework by providing the level of market interest and provide insight from suppliers on the shaping of the future provision.

The questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open e-Tendering system on 17 April 2025 with a submission deadline of 16:00 on 2 May 2025.

Suppliers wishing to access and complete the questionnaire must first register on the e-Tendering system using the following link <https://www.open-uk.org> For guidance on how to create an account or submit your questionnaire response through Open, please visit <https://www.open-hub.org/training> to access the available Training Guides. 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 to Thursday 08:30 - 17:00 and Friday 08:30 - 16:30.

NEPO also intend to hold a meeting via Microsoft Teams on 6 May 2025 between 10:30 - 11:30 am. A presentation will be given and there will be an opportunity to ask questions in the session.

Suppliers must submit their questionnaire via Open before 16:00 on 2 May 2025, to confirm their attendance at the meeting on 6 May.

Attendance at the Microsoft Teams meeting is optional and does not provide suppliers with an advantage in any future related procurement. Presentations and Q&A from the session will be published as part of the procurement process.

Attendance also does not constitute as an intention to tender for any future related procurement.

Please note the above information may be subject to change.

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

26 June 2025

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## Contracting authority

### THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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