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Contract

# **Legal Services**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

## I.1) Name and addresses

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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Gateshead

NE8 3DF

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Carl Telford

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professional.services@nepo.org

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+44 1916380040

Country

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

# 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

**Legal Services** 

Reference number

NEPO513

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79100000 - Legal services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Councils Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) is seeking to establish a multi-supplier Framework Agreement for the provision of legal services for use by contracting authorities throughout the United Kingdom

The opportunity can be accessed via the Open eTendering system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this Framework Agreement must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the Open eTendering System. If not already registered, candidates should register on the Open eTendering system at <a href="https://www.open-uk.org/">https://www.open-uk.org/</a>

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

If you need technical assistance from the Open Support team, this can be requested via <a href="mailto:open.support@nepo.org">open.support@nepo.org</a>

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

For guidance on how to submit your response through Open, please visit <a href="https://www.open-hub.org/training">https://www.open-hub.org/training</a> to access the available Training Guides.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) that

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: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

#### II.2) Description

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

• 79100000 - Legal services

#### 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 the provision of Legal Services.

NEPO intends to select only the top 30 (thirty) ranked (i.e. highest scoring) Tenderers as Providers. However, NEPO reserves the right to appoint additional Providers to the Framework where the overall difference in scores between the thirtieth-ranked Tenderer and the following ranked Tenderer(s) is 5% or less.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

## Section IV. Procedure

## **IV.1) Description**

### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

## 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: <u>2024/S 000-003773</u>

## Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract

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

4 June 2024

### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 19

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

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

**Anthony Collins Solicitors** 

134 Edmund Street

Birmingham

**B3 2ES** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

OC313432

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Bevan Brittan LLP

Kings Orchard 1 Queen Street
Bristol
BS2 0HQ
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC309219
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
Bird & Bird LLP
12 New Fetter Lane
12 New Fetter Lane London
London
London EC4A 1JP
London EC4A 1JP Country
London EC4A 1JP Country United Kingdom
London  EC4A 1JP  Country  United Kingdom  NUTS code
London  EC4A 1JP  Country  United Kingdom  NUTS code  • UK - United Kingdom

No

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

**Brodies LLP** 

58 Morrison Street

Edinburgh

EH38BP

Country

**United Kingdom** 

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

SO300334

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Capsticks Solicitors LLP

1 St George's Road,

London

**SW19 4DR** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House
OC340360
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
DAC Beachcroft LLP
25 Walbrook
London
EC4N 8AF
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC 317 852
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
Devonshires Solicitors LLP
30 Finsbury Circus
London
EC2M 7DT
Country

# **United Kingdom NUTS** code • UK - United Kingdom Companies House OC397401 The contractor is an SME No V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor **DWF Law LLP** 1 Scott Place, 2 Hardman Street, Manchester **M3 3AA** Country **United Kingdom NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

OC328794

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Forbes Solicitors LLP

Rutherford House 4 Wellington Street (St Johns)

Blackburn
BB1 8DD
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC444330
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
Freeths LLP
Cumberland Court, 80 Mount Street
Nottingham
NG1 6HH
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC304688
The contractor is an SME
No

# V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Muckle LLP
Time Central, 32 Gallowgate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4BF
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC315403
The contractor is an SME
Yes
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
Pinsent Masons
30 Crown Place
London
EC2A 4ES
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House

# OC333653 The contractor is an SME No V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor **TLT LLP** One Redcliff Street **Bristol BS1 6TP** Country **United Kingdom NUTS** code • UK - United Kingdom Companies House OC 308658 The contractor is an SME No V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor Trowers & Hamlins LLP 3 Bunhill Row London EC1T8YZ Country **United Kingdom**

#### **NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

OC337852

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Ward Hadaway LLP

Sandgate House, 102 Quayside

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 3DX

Country

**United Kingdom** 

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

OC430614

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Weightmans LLP

100 Old Hall Street

Liverpool

L3 9QJ
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC326117
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
Wilkin Chapman
Cartergate House, 26 Chantry Lane,
Grimsby
DN31 2LJ
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
Companies House
OC343261
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP

4 More London Riverside

London

SE1 1AU

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

OC317661

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £100,000,000

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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