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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

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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

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

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 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

For guidance on how to submit your response through Open, please visit <https://www.open-hub.org/training> 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

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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

London

EC4A 1JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

OC340318

The contractor is an SME

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

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

EC1T 8YZ

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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