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Planning

NEPO514 - External Training Provision

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nepo.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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

NEPO514 - External Training Provision

Reference number

NEPO514

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NEPO is seeking to establish a Pseudo DPS for External Training Provision. The existing NEPO Framework will expire 31st January 2024. It is anticipated the future iteration will also operate as a multi-disciplinary Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) and will be available to both NEPO Member Authorities and Contracting Authorities nationally.

The Solution will be procured as a 'Pseudo DPS' using a flexible approach based on the concept of Regulation 34 via Schedule 3, under the principles set out in Regulation 74-77 ('The Light Touch Regime').

The purpose of the prior information notice (PIN) is to provide advance notice to the marketplace for the future opportunity and the intentions of NEPO to hold a market consultation meeting with suppliers to help shape the future framework agreement. NEPO are not advertising this PIN as a mechanism to reduce future procurement timescales.

NEPO intends to publish a soft market testing questionnaire via the Open eTendering system. The questionnaire will be used to assess interest in the tendering opportunity and to gain information and insight from the market to help shape the future NEPO514 Framework Agreement design. The soft market testing questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open eTendering system on Wednesday 9th August 2023 with a submission deadline of 12 p.m. on Monday 21st August 2023.

Suppliers wishing to access and complete the soft market testing questionnaire must first register on the eTendering system using the following link <https://www.open-uk.org>

Guidance for how to create an account, search for opportunities and respond are included within the Supplier's Hub. If you require further support, please email open.support@nepo.org.

In addition, NEPO intends to hold a group market consultation meeting. The Group Market consultation meeting is advertised openly via this PIN and will take place on Tuesday 22nd August 2023. Suppliers wishing to register attendance must do so by registering via this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nepo514-external-training-provision-market-engagement-tickets-691669280437?aff=oddtcreator> no later than 12 p.m. on Monday 21st August 2023. The group Market Consultation will be no longer than 60 minutes and NEPO intend to conduct this session virtually through online meeting platform applications. NEPO anticipates this virtual meeting session will take place via Microsoft Teams or alternative online platforms.

Attendance at market consultation is optional and does not provide suppliers with an advantage in any future related procurement. Attendance also does not constitute as an intention to tender for any future related procurement. Please note the above dates may be subject to change depending on availability and supplier uptake.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Requirements

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

General Training Requirements

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Building Maintenance, Construction & Highways Training

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Building Maintenance, Construction & Highways Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Corporate and Workforce Development Training

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Corporate and Workforce Development Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Education & Schools Training

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Education & Schools Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Health & Safety Training

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Health & Safety Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Hospitality & Catering Training

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hospitality & Catering Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

ICT Training

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ICT Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Safeguarding Training

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Safeguarding Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Social Care (Adult's & Children's) Training

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Social Care (Adult's & Children's) Training

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Social Worker Training

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Social Worker Training

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

13 October 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NEPO is a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members. A list of member organisations is available in the About section of the NEPO website at: www.nepo.org

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO Associate Members. Current Associate Members are listed in the Associate Member section of the NEPO website at: www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) including but not limited to Government Departments and their Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Central Government, NHS Bodies, Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Coastguard Emergency Services, Educational Establishments, Registered Social Landlords and Registered Charities who have a need to purchase the above services.

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.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.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644>

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

<https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-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