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## **NEPO508 - Temporary Agency Staff**

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F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03634e

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

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

NEPO

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Gateshead

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#### **Contact**

Bethany Wake

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[professional.services@nepo.org](mailto:professional.services@nepo.org)

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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](http://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

[www.nepo.org](http://www.nepo.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

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

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

- 79600000 - Recruitment 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) seeks to establish a single-lot, sole-supplier procurement solution for the provision of Temporary Agency Staff.

The purpose of the prior information notice (PIN) is to provide advance notice to the marketplace of the tendering opportunity and intentions of NEPO to hold market consultation activities 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 NEPO eTendering portal. 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 NEPO508 Framework Agreement design. The soft market testing questionnaire will be made accessible via the NEPO eTendering portal on Friday 26 August 2022 with a submission deadline of 12 p.m. Friday 9 September 2022.

Suppliers wishing to access and complete the soft market testing questionnaire must first register on the portal using the following link <https://procontract.duenorth.com/register?openform>

In addition, NEPO intends to hold individual market consultation meetings. Market consultation meetings advertised openly via this PIN are limited in number and will take place the week commencing Monday 12 September 2022. Suppliers wishing to register attendance must do so in writing to Bethany Wake ([bethany.wake@nepo.org](mailto:bethany.wake@nepo.org)) no later than 12 p.m. on 9 September 2022. Appointments will be no longer than 1 hour and NEPO intend to conduct these sessions virtually through online meeting platform applications. NEPO anticipates these virtual meeting sessions will take place on Microsoft

Teams or other secure meeting platforms. The time and location of each appointment will be confirmed following the registration deadline and places will be secured on a first come first serve basis. Suppliers wishing to attend the virtual market consultation meetings should be capable of meeting the requirements under any of the applicable lots. NEPO reserves the right to seek assurances from interested suppliers prior to allocating a place.

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.1.5) 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)**

- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel
- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff
- 79630000 - Personnel services except placement and supply services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A sole supplier framework which provides public-sector organisations with a compliant route to market for the provision of Temporary Agency Staff.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

9 January 2023

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## **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