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NEPO301 Electricity Supply Framework

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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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

www.nepo.org

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<http://open-uk.org>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://open-uk.org>

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

NEPO301 Electricity Supply Framework

Reference number

NEPO301

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NEPO seeks to procure a Framework Agreement for Electricity Supply. The current NEPO301 Electricity Framework will end 31st March 2025 following the conclusion of the Framework Extension.

The Framework Agreement will be a sole supplier Framework and will cover the purchasing and supply of electricity to Half Hourly (HH), Non-Half Hourly (NHH) sites, and street lighting (both HH and UMS).

The Framework Agreement will include the provision of a data aggregator, data collector, and automatic meter reading service (AMR) with associated services and systems.

The Framework Agreement will also include access to renewables (including the provision of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)), cleaner and greener energy.

The current NEPO Framework Agreement consumes approximately 450Gwh per annum over approximately 6400 sites.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy
- 65000000 - Public utilities

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NEPO are using a 2-stage Competitive Procedure with Negotiation for the procurement of this Framework. The first stage is a Selection Questionnaire which will be used to shortlist suppliers. Shortlisted suppliers will then be Invited to Tender.

The Framework Contract will be a single supplier and single lot solution. NEPO may also wish to enter into negotiations with tenderers in line with the requirements of the Competition with Negotiation Procedure. NEPO also reserve the right not to enter into negotiations and award the Framework Contract on the basis of initial tender.

The most economically advantageous tenderer will be awarded the Framework Contract. NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of the services (if any) which will be placed with the successful supplier by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Contract pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

In accordance with the Framework Contract, each Contracting Authority will enter into a call-off contract. The call-off contract is to be entered into by both the Contracting Authority and successful supplier and will be based on the terms and conditions of the Framework Contract.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system (Open). Suppliers wishing to be considered for this Framework Contract must register their expression of interest and submit the selection questionnaire and tender response through the Open eTendering System. If not already registered, suppliers should register on the Open eTendering System at <https://www.open-uk.org/>

Selection Questionnaire and Tender responses must be submitted using the link above. Selection Questionnaire and Tender responses submitted via postal 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.openhub.org/training> to access the available Training Guides.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

It is anticipated that this Framework Contract will be renewed prior to its conclusion.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Due to the complexity of the Framework Agreement and the requirement to forward purchase electricity.

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

26 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

25 October 2023

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 18-24 months prior to the framework contract expiry date.

VI.3) Additional information

It is understood the following NEPO Associate Members will use the Framework Contract from its commencement: Believe Housing, Cleveland Fire Brigade, Cleveland Police, Durham Constabulary, Gateshead College, Jarrow Sea Cadets, Livin Housing, Middlesbrough College, Nexus, Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust and Norther School of Art.

NEPO is a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). This means that NEPO may provide central purchasing activity on behalf of Contracting Authorities.

The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members within the North East region. 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:

<https://www.nepo.org/associate-members/list>

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities (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.schoolswbedirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>

<https://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england>

<http://apps.education-ni.gov.uk/appinstitutes/default.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-indevelopment>

<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.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/contact>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

<http://www.police.uk/forces.htm>

<http://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency>

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-socialhousing>

<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/registerhomepage.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-members/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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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