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## **NEPO232 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03673e

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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

<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

<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**

NEPO232 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network

Reference number

NEPO232

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

- 51100000 - Installation services of electrical and mechanical equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Association of North East Councils T/A NEPO seeks to establish a sole supplier concession contract for the provision of the investment, operation, maintenance and growth of the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) across the North East of England. This is a brand new collaborative procurement requirement which will initially focus on a limited number of geographical areas but the intention over the full contract period is to allow other North East based contracting authorities to participate in the agreement.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

NEPO is looking to put in place a concession contract to enable the long-term investment in the regional electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI). This investment is needed to upgrade, operate and maintain the current network and to resource its expansion in order to secure a sustainable long-term future for it. NEPO and its Member Authorities recognise the importance of the regional EVCI in securing economic and community health benefits alongside supporting the growth in the adoption of electric vehicles and the achievement of targets for the decarbonisation of transport.

NEPO and its Member Authorities intend to deliver a procurement solution which will deliver the following outcomes.

- To establish a relationship with a sole supplier to work with NEPO and its stakeholders to deliver the investment needed to develop, grow and sustain the region's EV charging infrastructure for the long-term.
- To have a supply partner capable of delivering within the context of mixed network baseline positions, various funding models and across a diversity of locations and stakeholders from local authorities to other public sector service bodies.
- To help reduce and minimise the proliferation of different charging infrastructure and associated payment systems in order to improve electric vehicle customers' experience.
- Through the accumulation of the above help NEPO and its Member Authorities to achieve and maximise the economic, health and environmental benefits that can be delivered.
- To maximise commercial opportunities in order to support the ongoing maintenance and growth of the EVCI to keep pace with the predicted growth in use of electric vehicles.

The initial requirement will be focused on the needs of five (5) local authority areas and a separate public body stakeholder with further detail to be included in the published tender. The full term of the contract period is still to be determined but will be a minimum of 15 years.

The purpose of the prior information notice (PIN) is to provide advance notice to the market place for the future opportunity and the intention to hold a market consultation meeting with

suppliers to help shape the future agreement. NEPO are not issuing this PIN as a mechanism to reduce future procurement timescales.

The intention is to hold a market consultation event. Further details on this and how to

register interest in participation will be issued via the NEPO Portal and any supplier want to be involved should ensure they are signed up to the portal via <https://www.nepo.org/suppliers/portal>. Attendance at the 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.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Previous process was abandoned

<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/025349-2022>

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

24 October 2022

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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

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO Associate Members throughout the North East region. Current Associate Members are listed in the

Associate Member section of the NEPO website at:

[www.nepo.org/associatemembership/list](http://www.nepo.org/associatemembership/list)

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout the North East region (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-officiallyrecognised/recognised-bodies>

<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.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-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](http://www.nepo.org)