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Tender

NEPO508 Agency Staff

The Association of North East Councils, trading as North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046b72

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

NEPO508 Agency Staff

Reference number

79620000

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Councils, trading as North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO), is seeking to establish a Framework Agreement with a sole supplier; for the provision of a Vendor Neutral Managed Service for Temporary Agency Staff.

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.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £925,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NEPO are using a two-stage, restricted procedure for this procurement, set out at Regulation 28 of the Public Contracts Regulations.

A maximum of 5 organisations will be invited to the Invitation to Tender Stage (assuming that there are at least 5 suitably qualified organisations that pass the minimum criteria) following the evaluation of Tenderer's response to the Selection Questionnaire.

If there are fewer than 5 organisations that pass the minimum criteria, then only those who pass will be invited to Invitation to Tender. If there are more than 5 organisations who pass the minimum criteria then the 5 highest scoring tenderers only, based on the scored questions within the SQ, will be invited to Invitation to Tender. The minimum criteria are documented within Schedule 1 - Selection Questionnaire and Appendix 1 - Scoring Matrix and include a minimum threshold that must be achieved on the scored question.

Following the evaluation of Tenderer's responses to the Selection Questionnaire, successful Tenderers will be invited to Invitation to Tender. Tenderers responses to the Invitation to Tender will be evaluated against the pre-defined evaluation criteria and NEPO will seek to award to a single operator who has been identified as submitting the most economically advantageous tender.

The selection questionnaire document also contains an ITT overview that sets out the

high-level requirements of the Framework Agreement. This document will allow suppliers to determine if they are interested in this opportunity and consider whether they have the required capability and capacity to deliver the Framework Agreement.

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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

NEPO anticipate that this Framework Agreement will be subject to renewals at its expiry.

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

Restricted procedure

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:

The Framework Term reflects the complexity, cost and resource of the supplier and Contracting Authorities in the implementation of the solution, including time and resource required in the mobilisation, transition arrangements, supply chain migration, supplier onboarding, systems integration and user set-up/training.

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-016498](#)

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

Date

20 September 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 12 months prior to the published expiry date

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

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/associate-membership/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-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>

[http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthories.php](http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php)

<http://www.ckschoolsdirectory.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-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.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-social-housing>

<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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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