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Planning

Workwear and PPE

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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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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

Workwear and PPE

Reference number

NEPO419

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Councils Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) is seeking to establish a multi-supplier, multi-lot Framework Agreement for the provision of Workwear and PPE for use by contracting authorities throughout the United Kingdom.

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 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 NEPO419 Framework Agreement design. The soft market testing questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open eTendering system on Wednesday 11th October 2023 with a submission deadline of 5 p.m. Thursday 19 October 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

Page 4 to 15 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. NEPO intends to hold the group Market Consultation meeting, which will be advertised openly via this PIN and will take place on Monday 23 October 2023. Suppliers wishing to register attendance must do so in writing to Steph Westgarth (stephanie.westgarth@nepo.org) no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday 19 October 2023. The Market Consultation session will be no longer than 90 minutes and NEPO intends to conduct this session virtually through online meeting platform applications. NEPO anticipates this virtual meeting session will take place via Zoom or alternative online platforms. The time of the appointment will be confirmed following the registration deadline. Suppliers wishing to attend the virtual market consultation meeting should be capable of meeting the requirements under any of the applicable lots.

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: £2,600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Workwear

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories

- 18220000 - Weatherproof clothing
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Supply of Workwear including but not limited to the following items:

- Trousers
- Polo Shirts
- T-Shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Fleecees
- Jackets
- Hi-Viz

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

PPE and Safety Footwear

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories

- 18220000 - Weatherproof clothing
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18811000 - Waterproof footwear
- 18813000 - Footwear with uppers of leather
- 18814000 - Footwear with uppers of textile materials
- 18815000 - Boots
- 18830000 - Protective footwear
- 35113400 - Protective and safety clothing

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply for the provision of PPE and Safety Footwear including but not limited to the following items:

- Ear Plugs and Defenders
- Glasses and Goggles
- Helmets
- Masks and Respirators
- Gloves
- Safety Footwear
- Fall Protection Equipment

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Uniforms

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Uniforms including but not limited to the following:

- Corporate Clothing
- Catering Uniforms
- Leisure Wear

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 December 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