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## **Workwear and PPE**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040b07

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

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

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

Northern Design Centre, Abbots Hill, Baltic Business Quarter

Gateshead

NE8 3DF

#### **Contact**

NEPO

#### **Email**

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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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
- Fleece
- 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

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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