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Planning

Rock Salt

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040b8c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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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

<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

Rock Salt

Reference number

NEPO203

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 14410000 - Rock salt

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 Rock Salt 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 NEPO203 Framework Agreement design. The soft market testing questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open eTendering system on 12/10/2023 with a submission deadline of 4 p.m. on 20/10/2023.

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 on 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 individual Market Consultation meetings which will be advertised openly via this PIN and will take place on Tuesday 24/10/2023 between 10am and 12pm. Suppliers can express their interest to attend by completion of the Soft Market Testing Questionnaire.

NEPO anticipates this virtual meeting session will take place via Microsoft Teams. Suppliers wishing to attend the virtual market consultation meetings 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: £35,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Bulk Salt North East

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 14410000 - Rock salt

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply and delivery of Bulk rock salt in the North East of England. Delivery of bulk volumes being transported (per tonne) to the Contracting Authority storage facilities, via large haulage vehicles.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Bagged Salt North East

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 14410000 - Rock salt

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply and delivery of Bagged rock salt in the North East of England. Delivery covers smaller transportation of bagged volumes with pallet deliveries to the Contracting Authority storage facilities.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Bagged Salt UK

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 14410000 - Rock salt

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UK Wide Supply and delivery of Bagged rock salt. Delivery covers smaller transportation of bagged volumes with pallet deliveries to the Contracting Authority storage facilities.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 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