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Tender

Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Highway Infrastructure Surveys

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.nepo.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.nepo.org

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

Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Highway Infrastructure Surveys

Reference number

NEPO209

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Councils Limited Trading As the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) seeks to establish a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Highway Infrastructure Surveys; the resulting solution will provide public sector organisations access to a range of highway infrastructure services.

The DPS will be open to new entrants throughout its lifespan (5 years with an optional 2 year extension) to allow coverage for changing requirements, including but not limited to new regulations and central government requirements.

The opportunity can be accessed via the Open eTendering system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this DPS Agreement must register their expression of interest and submit a Request To Participate (RTP) through the Open eTendering System. If not already registered, candidates should register on the Open eTendering system at <https://www.open-uk.org>

RTP must be submitted using the link above; RTP received via post or email methods will not be accepted.

If you need technical assistance from the Open Support team, this can be requested via email at open.support@nepo.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Open is accessible 24/7 however, technical support is available Monday to Thursday 08:30 - 17:00 and Friday 08:30 - 16:30.

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) which will be placed with the successfully appointed Suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the DPS pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £17,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

SCANNER Surveys

Lot No

Category 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the possibility of delivering across the UK depending on the location of the Contracting Authority.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 1, SCANNER Surveys will provide public sector organisations access to a consistent method of measuring the surface condition of roads using automated survey

machines.

The DPS will be operated as a completely electronic process and shall remain open throughout its lifecycle to any organisation that satisfies the selection criteria as detailed within the procurement documents.

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

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) will be a direct replacement for the existing NEPO209 Highway Technical Surveys Framework Agreement; it is anticipated that the succeeding DPS will be subject to future renewals.

The DPS will be open for an initial period of 60 months with an option to extend for up to 24 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Deflectograph & Dynamic Plate Testing (DPT)

Lot No

Category 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 2, Deflectograph and Dynamic Plate Testing will provide public sector organisations access to various Dynamic Plate Testing devices including but not limited to, handheld machines, trailer mounted, towed or in-built to a vehicle.

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

SCRIM Surveys & GripTester

Lot No

Category 3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 3, SCRIM Surveys & GripTester will provide public sector organisations access to skid resistance surveys measuring the contribution of the road surface to the frictional forces between vehicles and the surface when accelerating, braking, cornering etc. This may be undertaken using a SCRIM vehicle which is appropriately approved and operated by trained personnel. Alternatively, a GripTester trailer or similar if approved.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

Lot No

Category 4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 4, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) will provide public sector organisations access to non-destructive methods of gathering information about the construction of a highway and its internal features.

The DPS will be operated as a completely electronic process and shall remain open throughout its lifecycle to any organisation that satisfies the selection criteria as detailed within the procurement documents.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Inventory Surveys

Lot No

Category 5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 5, Inventory Surveys covers public sector organisation requirements to obtain accurate highway asset inventory data and may involve undertaking surveys of highways infrastructure both on and off carriageway. The results may be used for future proofing, valuations, maintenance or lifecycle planning.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Visual Condition Surveys

Lot No

Category 6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 6, Visual Condition Surveys will provide public sector organisations access to various visual condition surveys which may be carried out from a slow-moving vehicle or on foot with one or more persons undertaking the inspection. The person(s) undertaking the survey must be qualified and accredited to the appropriate standard.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Data Processing

Lot No

Category 7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 7, Data Processing will provide public sector organisations access to any data processing and analysis requirements. Contracting Authorities will confirm details at the point of further competition, but it is likely that data processing will be undertaken using an accredited UKPMS compliant system.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Delivering the DfT Data Standard (other methods of delivering BSI PAS2161)

Lot No

Category 8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 8, Delivering the DfT Data Standard (other methods of delivering BSI PAS2161) will provide public sector organisations access to services to deliver the Department for Transport's (DfT) new data standard, currently under development.

In order to future-proof this DPS, Category 8 has been included to allow Suppliers to provide Contracting Authorities with means to deliver the new standard once it is in place, if Categories 1 - 7 as already described do not align with the new standard.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Materials Testing

Lot No

Category 9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North East (England) with the option of delivering across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Category 9, Materials Testing (including Pavement Coring) covers public sector requirements for materials testing needed as part of their highway infrastructure survey process. This may be required to determine construction and condition, investigate defects or for the verification of GPR among other reasons.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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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.1.3) 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 setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers

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

Date

4 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

1 April 2024

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: 3 (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: 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. 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. 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 all administrative regions of the UK (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.schoolswbdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>

<https://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england>

<https://education.gov.scot/ParentZone>

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

<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.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/TheService/organised.aspx>

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/AboutUs/HowWeOrganised.aspx>

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland>

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/2421/1>

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/contact>

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

<https://www.police.uk/forces/>

<http://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.psnipolice.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency>

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/archive/law-order/Police/PoliceServiceofScotland>

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

<http://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

<https://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords-in-wales/?lang=en>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About_us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

<https://idea.org.uk/>

<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/registerhomepage.aspx>

http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search_Auth.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

NEPO

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