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Planning

Legal Services

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED (NEPO)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

Legal Services

Reference number

NEPO513

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

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 Legal Services 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 NEPO513 Framework Agreement design. The soft market testing questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open eTendering system on Friday 18 November 2022 with a submission deadline of 12 p.m. Friday 2 December 2022.

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 on how to create an account, search for opportunities and respond are included 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. The Group Market consultation meeting is advertised openly via this PIN and will take place the week commencing Monday 5 December 2022. Suppliers wishing to register attendance must do so in writing to Steph Westgarth (stephanie.westgarth@nepo.org) no later than 12 p.m. on 2 December 2022. The group Market Consultation will be no longer than 90 minutes and NEPO intend 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: £50,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Lot - All Requirements

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to the operation of General Legal Services including but not limited to services detailed in Lot 2-15.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Conveyancing

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Conveyancing including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Commercial
- Right to Buy
- Residential
- Land Registrations

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Housing

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Housing including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Anti-social behavior
- Disrepair claims
- Landlord and tenant
- Litigation

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Family

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Family including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Children
- Adults

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Education

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Education Law including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Academy conversions
- Special Education Needs (SEN) mediation
- Admissions appeals

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Prosecutions

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Prosecutions including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Trading standards
- Environmental

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Licensing

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Licensing including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Alcohol

- Premises
- Taxis
- Gambling

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Litigation

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Litigation including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Personal Injury
- Public Liability
- Employers Liability
- Commercial Property Litigation
- Technology and Construction Litigation

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Insolvency

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Insolvency including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Insolvency of other contracting parties and remedies available

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Debt Recovery

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Debt Recovery including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Debt recovery

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Highways

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Highways including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Section 278 agreements
- Section 38 Agreements
- Section 50 Licensing

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Employment Law

Lot No

12

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Employment Law including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Employment Tribunal Claims (for example, Unfair dismissal, unlawful deduction of wages, discrimination)
- Compromise Agreements
- General Employment Law Advice
- Clerking Employment Appeals Committee hearings

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Procurement Advice

Lot No

13

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Procurement Advice including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Procurement Advice

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - PFI Advice

Lot No

14

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to PFI Advice including but not limited to the following requirements:

- PFI Advice

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Requirement - Development advice

Lot No

15

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of legal services relating to Development Advice including but not limited to the following requirements:

- Development Advice

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 May 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