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Contract

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED T/A NORTH EAST PROCUREMENT ORGANISATION (NEPO)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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.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

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Reference number

NEPO232

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09310000 - Electricity

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Council Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) is seeking to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the installation and operation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure on behalf of a public sector body under a call-off contractual arrangement.

This framework and future call-offs are relevant for the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure and units. This can be provided by the public sector body themselves, a national

Government department (such as LEVI/OZEV/Levelling Up), or via a third party intermediary such as the North East Combined Authority.

NEPO is looking to award a procurement solution to assist the longer-term investment in the regional electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI). This investment is needed to upgrade, operate, and maintain the current network and resource expansion to establish a sustainable long-term future.

The intention is to establish a multi-supplier Framework Agreement for use by NEPO Member Authorities and Associate Members.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £500,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council have opted to procure the NEPO232 EV charging Infrastructure Framework Contract under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR15) competitive negotiated procedure. This procedure has been adopted due to the operational and commercial complexities of procuring such a Framework Contract. However, in accordance with the procedure, NEPO reserves the right to accept the initial Tender without further negotiation. Tenderers should note that any negotiation permitted is in the absolute discretion of NEPO.

The Council retains absolute discretion in deciding whether any changes will be implemented, and Tenderers should therefore be prepared to sign up to the tender as drafted.

Any resulting Framework Contract will consist of:

The Contract Particulars (to be filled in with the relevant details following Framework Contract award);

The Framework Agreement for EV Charging Infrastructure; and

The Invitation to Tender; and

The successful Tender documentation

The Framework Contract will be subject to English law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Any Framework Contract award will be conditional on the Framework Contract being

approved in accordance with the Council's internal procedures and the Council being generally able to proceed and will allow the standstill period of a minimum of 10 calendar days to elapse before sending confirmation of Framework Contract Award to the successful supplier.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for 2 x 12 months

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-014993](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AMP EV Limited

Merseyside

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

10795839

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

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Apcoa Parking (UK) Limited

Middlesex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Companies House

02572947

The contractor is an SME

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Connected Kerb Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Companies House

11062616

The contractor is an SME

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Equans EV Solutions Limited

Newcastle Upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

07214557

The contractor is an SME

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Liberty Charge Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Companies House

12231122

The contractor is an SME

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Swarco Smart Charging Limited

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

14479077

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Ubitricity Distributed Energy Systems UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Companies House

11393390

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Zest Eco Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

13263625

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NEPO is a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). As a Central Purchasing Body NEPO may provide central purchasing activity on behalf of contracting authorities (as defined by PCR15). NEPO intends to make the future framework agreement available for use by all contracting authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK including but not limited to: central government departments and their agencies, local government departments and their agencies, non-departmental public bodies, central government, NHS and HSC bodies (including ambulance services), local authorities, emergency services (including

police and fire rescue), coastguard emergency

services, educational establishments (including academies), registered social landlords, registered charities and any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Please see the following websites for further details:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm>
 (<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm>)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>
 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>)
<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>
 ([https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-](https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies)

bodies) <http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>

authorities.php

(<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>)

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>

(<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>)

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

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

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

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

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/> (<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>) <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-in-development> (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-in-development>)

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/institutions/>

(<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/institutions/>)

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/heis/>

(<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/heis/>) [http://w](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/)

www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/

(<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/>)

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

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<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>

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

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

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts> ([http://www.hscni.net/index.php?](http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts)

[link=trusts\) http://www.scottishambulance.com/AboutUs/HowWeOrganised.aspx](http://www.scottishambulance.com/AboutUs/HowWeOrganised.aspx)

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

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

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

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

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

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

([http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland)

[ireland\) http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/)

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

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

(<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.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>)

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.psni.police.uk/index.htm>

(<http://www.psni.police.uk/index.htm>)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.charity->

[commission.gov.uk/About us/Regulation/Registering](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About-us/Regulation/Registering)

[charities index.aspx](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About-us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx) (http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About-us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx)

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

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

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

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

(http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search_Auth.aspx)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644>

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A complete list of permissible users is shown on the NEPO website below:

<http://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissable-users>
(<http://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissable-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 (<https://www.nepo.org>)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO)

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