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Planning

NEPO502 - Office, Educational and Catering Supplies

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

NEPO502

Description

The Association of North East Councils Limited trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) seeks to establish a Framework for the supply of Office, Educational and Catering Supplies.

The Framework will be available to all Members and Associate Members of NEPO. A full list of NEPO Members is available here <https://www.nepo.org/about> and a full list of Associate Members is available here <http://nepo.org/associate-membership/list>.

This preliminary market engagement notice provides advance notice to the marketplace of the tendering opportunity and NEPO's intention to undertake market consultation activities with suppliers to help shape the future framework.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £102,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2030
- Possible extension to 30 April 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 22111000 - School books
- 22112000 - Textbooks
- 30124000 - Parts and accessories of office machines

- 30125000 - Parts and accessories of photocopying apparatus
- 30192000 - Office supplies
- 39221100 - Kitchenware
- 39221180 - Cooking utensils
- 39221210 - Plates
- 39221230 - Saucers
- 39222000 - Catering supplies
- 39223000 - Spoons, forks
- 79342200 - Promotional services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 July 2025

Engagement process description

NEPO intend to hold a Market Engagement event* with interested suppliers via Microsoft Teams on 30/07/2025. This event will include a presentation and Q&A. Suppliers wishing to attend this event are required to register their interest via email to michelle.graham@nepo.org by 16:00 on 23/07/2025.

*Attendance is optional and does not provide suppliers with an advantage in any future related procurement. Nor does it constitute as an intention to tender for any future related procurement.

Please note the above information may be subject to change.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYVX-2132-JNMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government