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Tender

Independent Business Case Appraisal

North East Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20251094

Description

North East CA are looking to appoint a range of experienced consultants who can undertake business case appraisals in accordance with the required assurance processes. This guidance will be used to support judgements and funding decisions and the award of public funding to applicants.

Appointed supplier(s) will undertake appraisals which are compliant to the Treasury Green Book Standard , DfT WebTAG and North East Combined Authority Single Assurance Framework . Appraisal advice will be provided at the varying stages of review, including but not limited to Appraisal Summary Report, Outline and Full Business Case.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,100,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 29 October 2032
- 7 years, 29 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66600000 - Treasury services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

29 October 2032

Maximum number of suppliers

6

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Up to six providers will be appointed.

Works orders will be placed from this framework call of contract using an order form. This will be a ranked framework using the following principles:

Firstly, NECA will have complete discretion to apply its own conflict management principles which are intended to avoid any perceived or other conflict of interest. For example: if a consultant engaged by Supplier A has been involved (to any extent) in the development of a business case, no other individual engaged by Supplier A can be involved (to any extent) with the appraisal of that same business case. This is irrespective of any proposed division of offices or ethical walls which will not be accepted. Where the supplier is a consortium made up of, for example Supplier A and Supplier B, and Supplier A has been involved in the parent business case, the consortium could only be engaged to appraise that business case on the condition that no one engaged by Supplier A would have any involvement.

The second principle is that the first ranked supplier will be given first preference followed by the second and third etc.

Thirdly if a supplier has more than 4 task orders at any one time, the CA will determine that this should route to the next ranked supplier accounting for principles 1 and 2 above

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 July 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

11 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<http://www.open-uk.org>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

26 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Understanding of Requirements/Tasks	Quality	25%
Experience of Similar Projects	Quality	20%
Delivery Team	Quality	20%
Price	Price	20%
Social Value	Quality	15%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<http://www.open-uk.org>

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Contracting authority

North East Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJMR-6594-BRGH

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