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Tender

NEPO502 - Office Supplies, Educational & Catering Disposables

The Association of North East Councils Limited

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Scope

Reference

NEPO502

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 for Office Supplies, Educational & Catering Disposables for use by contracting authorities throughout the United Kingdom.

NEPO intends to publish an Invitation to Tender via the Open eTendering system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this Framework Agreement must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the NEPO eTendering system. If not already registered, candidates should register on the Open eTender system at:

<https://open-uk.org/>

Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via post or email

methods will not be accepted.

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Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £65,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. General Office Supplies.

Description

This Lot will provide users with access to office supplies, including but not limited to; stationary, writing books, pens, folders and Office First Aid Supplies. Users will also have the ability to order items outside of the Core List (Non-Core) at a competitive price.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 30192000 - Office supplies

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Electronic Office Consumables.

Description

This Lot will provide users with access to Electronic Office consumables, including but not limited to; printer ribbons and cartridges across a variety of manufacturers, as well as compatible items. Users will also have the ability to order items outside of the Core List (Non-Core) at a competitive price.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 30124000 - Parts and accessories of office machines
- 30125000 - Parts and accessories of photocopying apparatus

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Educational Products.

Description

This lot will provide users with access to Educational Products, including but not limited to; Exercise Books, Art Suppliers, Planners, Diaries, Registers, and Exercise Paper. Users will also have the ability to order items outside of the Core List (Non-Core) at a competitive price.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 22111000 - School books
- 22112000 - Textbooks

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Promotional Print Materials.

Description

This lot will provide users with access to personalisation of items including but not limited to; Lanyards, Badges, Mugs, Pens, Chargers, Tote Bags, Coasters, Note Books and Laptop Bags. Users will be able to utilise the Frameworks Tendered Cost Plus % Margin for reference purposes upon call-off. Users will then develop their own bespoke basket of requirements and will conduct a Mini/Further Competition with the awarded supplier(s).

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 39294100 - Information and promotion products

Same for all lots

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Lot 5. Catering Disposables.

Description

This lot will provide users with access to catering disposables, including but not limited to; catering foil, film fronted bags, paper cups, food bags, & disposable cutlery. Users will also have the ability to order items outside of the Core List (Non-Core) at a competitive price.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 39222000 - Catering supplies

Same for all lots

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Lot 6. Light Kitchen Equipment.

Description

This lot will provide users with access to Light Catering Equipment, including but not limited to; tableware, glassware, cutlery, and pots and pans. Users will also have the ability to order items outside of the Core List (Non-Core) at a competitive price.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 39221100 - Kitchenware
- 39221180 - Cooking utensils
- 39221210 - Plates
- 39221230 - Saucers
- 39223000 - Spoons, forks

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

18

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

2.5%

Further information about fees

NEPO operates a contract rebate arrangement whereby Suppliers are asked to repay NEPO a set percentage of each invoice in respect of orders placed by NEPO or any Contracting Authority accessing the Framework. The maximum rebate taken by NEPO against the value of awarded contracts will not exceed 2.5%

Framework operation description

The successful Tenderer will enter into a Framework Agreement (NEPO502 Office, Educational & Catering Supplies) with NEPO. This Framework will be made accessible to the Member Authorities and the Associate Members of NEPO via Call-Off contracts. NEPO will establish overarching terms and conditions that define the core principles of the Framework.

Pricing will be determined through the tender process and evaluated against predefined award criteria and associated weightings. All tenderers will be assessed accordingly.

Pricing submitted as part of this Framework will apply to requirements Nationally.

Pricing will be fixed for the first 9 months of the Framework. Thereafter, Suppliers will have the opportunity to provide NEPO with a pricing review notification to conduct an annual pricing review using the NEPO Pricing Review Notification Process.

Contracting Authorities may establish Call-Off contracts through either Direct Award or Mini/Further Competition. A Direct Award may be used to award to the Primary Awarded Supplier from lots 1, 2, 3, 5, & 6 of the Solution, however, Contracting Authorities reserve the right to award to the contingency awarded supplier as follows:

- Where a Contracting Authority has sufficient business or commercial reason and are able to establish an objective mechanism for supplier selection. Such as:

- In the event that the Primary Supplier is unable to meet their requirements. The rationale may include, but not limited to, the necessity for urgency relating to timescales, or the availability of supply. This is subject to the Contracting Authority's internal procurement and legal guidelines permitting a Direct Award.

In cases of Direct Award, pricing will be based on the Tendered rates within the Framework.

All Suppliers awarded to each lot of the Framework may be invited to participate in Mini/Further Competitions. The evaluation criteria for any Mini/Further Competitions will be specified by the Contracting Authority and included in the competition documentation. Suppliers will be required to submit pricing based on the specific project requirements.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

The Framework will be open and accessible to all NEPO Member Authorities and Associate Members.

A full list of NEPO Member Authorities can be found - <https://www.nepo.org/about>

A full list of Associate Members can be found - <https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership>

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom
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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. General Office Supplies.

Lot 2. Electronic Office Consumables.

Lot 3. Educational Products.

Lot 4. Promotional Print Materials.

Lot 5. Catering Disposables.

Lot 6. Light Kitchen Equipment.

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

6 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	65%
Quality	Quality	25%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

The Association of North East Councils Limited

- Companies House: 05014821
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYVX-2132-JNMM

Northern Design Centre

Gateshead

NE8 3DF

United Kingdom

Email: cdpnepoteam@nepo.org

Website: <http://www.nepo.org>

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government