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Planning

## NEPO411 - FURNITURE

The Association of North East Councils Limited

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### Scope

### Reference

NEPO411

### 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 furniture.

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)**

- £160,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 39100000 - Furniture

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
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## Engagement

### Engagement deadline

27 November 2025

### Engagement process description

NEPO intend to publish a Preliminary Market Engagement Questionnaire via the OPEN e-Tendering system ([www.open-uk.org](http://www.open-uk.org)). The questionnaire responses will help NEPO design the Framework by providing the level of market interest and provide insight from suppliers on the shaping of the future provision.

The questionnaire will be made accessible via OPEN on 12/11/2025 with a submission deadline of 12:00 on 26/11/2025. Suppliers wishing to access and complete the questionnaire must first register on OPEN using the link above.

For guidance on how to create an account or submit your questionnaire response through OPEN, please visit [https://www.open-hub.org/training to](https://www.open-hub.org/training-to) access the available Training Guides. Should you require technical assistance from the OPEN Support team, this can be requested via [open.support@nepo.org](mailto:open.support@nepo.org).

PLEASE NOTE: OPEN is accessible 24/7 however, technical support is available Monday to Thursday 08:30 - 17:00 and Friday 08:30 - 16:30.

NEPO also intend to hold a Market Engagement event\* with interested suppliers via Microsoft Teams on 27/11/2025. This event will include a presentation and Q&A. Suppliers wishing to attend this event are required to register their interest either via email to [sam.herron@nepo.org](mailto:sam.herron@nepo.org) or by way of completion of the questionnaire on OPEN by 12:00 on 26/11/2025.

\*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

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

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

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 January 2026

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## Contracting authority

### The Association of North East Councils Limited

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

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Gateshead

NE8 3DF

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government