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Planning

## **NEPO235 Vehicle Restraint Systems**

The Association of North East Councils Limited

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

NEPO235

### **Description**

NEPO235 Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) aims to provide a route to market for UK based Contracting Authorities for the supply, installation, removal, repair, testing and maintenance of VRS.

The solution will allow for temporary and permanent VRS and will cover goods, services and works related to vehicle restraint systems within its lot structure including:

Removal and disposal of existing systems, both permanent and temporary

Supply and installation of Vehicle Restraint Systems, including:

N1, N2, high containment systems and terminals for the full range of working widths

Flex beam, P2/P4 end terminals for new works

Variety of materials, including steel, concrete, and wire rope

Crash cushions

Dynamic barrier systems

Hostile vehicle restraints

Minor works, including repairs and the ability to provide a generic 'open box beam' for small improvements

Foundation prices for driven posts, concreted posts and socketed systems

Compliant CD377 & CD127 VRS design solutions

Testing and routine inspection of existing systems

Emergency response and reactive maintenance alongside planned works

Ability to provide cost breakdowns for third-party accident damage claims

Supply only of Flexbeam, P2, P4 and supply legacy OBB, TCB systems to enable Contracting Authorities to use their own trained operatives to carry out works

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £40,000,000 excluding VAT
- £48,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

**Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2030
- 4 years

**Main procurement category**

Works

**Additional procurement category**

Services

**CPV classifications**

- 34928000 - Road furniture
- 45233280 - Erection of road-barriers
- 45233292 - Installation of safety equipment
- 50230000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to roads and other equipment

**Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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**Engagement**

## Engagement deadline

6 February 2026

## Engagement process description

NEPO will host Microsoft Teams meetings between 12 January and 30 January with interested suppliers where a presentation will be delivered by NEPO and there will be an opportunity to ask questions in the session. Time slots will be provided to those whom express an interest in attending a session by contacting [construction@nepo.org](mailto:construction@nepo.org) with three preferred dates & times. These will be confirmed on or after 2 January 2026.

Attendance at the Microsoft Teams meeting is optional and does not provide suppliers with an advantage in any future related procurement. Attendance also does not constitute as an intention to tender for any future related procurement. Please note the above information may be subject to change and is indicative only.

NEPO also intend to publish a preliminary market engagement questionnaire via Open e-Tendering system ([www.open-uk.org](http://www.open-uk.org)). (<https://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 including pricing, innovation, procurement process, funding and specification. The questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open e-Tendering system on 5 January 2026 with a submission deadline of 12:00 noon on 30th January. Suppliers are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to ensure the market engagement is meaningful and results in a solution that meets stakeholder needs. Suppliers wishing to access and complete the questionnaire must first register on the e-Tendering system using the following link <https://www.open-uk.org> (<https://www.open-uk.org>) For guidance on how to create an account or submit your questionnaire response through Open, please visit <https://www.open-hub.org/training> (<https://www.open-hub.org/training>) to access the available Training Guides. If you need 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. Over the Christmas period we will be operating a skeleton support for Open via [open.support@nepo.org](mailto:open.support@nepo.org) on Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December. Urgent system issue requests or supplier support for tender returns within this period will be picked up. Any general, non-urgent queries will be picked up when the office re-opens on 2 January 2026.

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

25 February 2026

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## Contracting authority

### The Association of North East Councils Limited

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