

United Kingdom-Newcastle upon Tyne: Water distribution and related services

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Association of North East Councils Ltd trading as NEPO (Central Purchasing Body)

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I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3. Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at:

www.nepoportal.org

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: www.nepoportal.org

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

NEPO311 Water Retail Services Framework Agreement

Reference number: NEPO311

II.1.2. Main CPV code

65100000 Water distribution and related services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The Association of North East Councils Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) is seeking tenders for water retail services. At the time of submitting an SQ, and throughout the life of the framework agreement, tenderers must hold a valid Water Supply and Sewerage Licence with the appropriate retail authorisation, as issued by Ofwat. Also included within the scope of the framework agreement is the provision of automatic meter Reading and associated services and systems. The framework agreement will also include provisions for assisting in the reduction of consumption and supporting users efficiency schemes.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 300 000 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

65000000 Public utilities, 71800000 Consulting services for water-supply and waste consultancy

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

NEPO are using a 2-stage, restricted procedure for this framework agreement. The first is a selection questionnaire which will be used to shortlist organisations. It should be noted that one of the key mandatory criteria at selection questionnaire stage is for organisations to hold a relevant water supply and sewerage licences with the appropriate retail authorisation, as issued by Ofwat. Shortlisted organisations will then be invited to tender in January 2020. The selection questionnaire document also contains an ITT overview that sets out the high-level requirements of the framework agreement. This document will allow organisations to determine if they are interested in this opportunity and consider whether they have the required capability and capacity to deliver the framework agreement prior to submitting a selection questionnaire.

The framework contract will be a sole supplier framework contract with one lot. Those organisations shortlisted from the selection questionnaire and invited to tender will be evaluated in accordance with the award criteria contained within the invitation to tender documents.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the NEPO eTender System. If not already registered, candidates should register on the NEPO eTender system at <https://procontract.due-north.com/register>. Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via post or email methods will not be accepted. If you require time-critical assistance on submitting your tender please contact the system support team on 0330 0050352. For non time-critical issues, such as passwords, general account queries and location of information etc, please contact Proactis Supplier Support Helpdesk Ticketing System (<http://proactis.kayako.com/>) and select ProContract V3 support. You will then need to log in or submit a ticket to register your issue. Alternatively, you

can email ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com. This will automatically log a support ticket on the Proactis Supplier Support Helpdesk.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of goods (if any) which will be placed with the successful supplier by any contracting authority using the framework contract pursuant to this process and accepts no liability there of.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80 %

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 20 %

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 300 000 000,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

It is anticipated that the framework contract will be subject to future renewals.

Framework contract period: 3 months implementation, 24 months supply contract commencing 1.7.2020, with the option to extend for a further 1 x 24 months.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 8
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

A maximum of 8 organisations will be shortlisted from this selection questionnaire (SQ) and invited to tender, assuming that there are at least 8 suitably qualified organisations that pass the minimum criteria. If there are less than 8 organisations that pass the minimum criteria then only those that pass will be invited to tender. If there are more than 8 organisations that pass the minimum criteria then the 8 highest scoring organisations only, based on the scored question in the SQ, will be invited to tender.

The minimum criteria is documented in Schedule 1 selection questionnaire. This includes a minimum threshold that must be achieved on the scored question.

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

Details are contained within the procurement documents.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2019/S 174-424227](#)

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 12/12/2019 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 20/01/2020

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

24-48 months from framework contract supply commencement date.

VI.3. Additional information

NEPO is a central purchasing body as defined in the public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members. A list of member organisations is available in the About section of the NEPO website at: www.nepo.org

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO Associate Members. Current associate members are listed in the associate member section of the NEPO website at: www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all contracting authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) including but not limited to government departments and their agencies, non-departmental public bodies, central government, NHS bodies, local authorities, emergency services, coastguard emergency services, educational establishments, registered social landlords and registered charities who have a need to purchase the above services.

Please see the following websites for further details:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>

<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php>

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>

<https://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england>

<https://education.gov.scot/ParentZone>

<http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/>

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-in-development>

<http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/institutions/>

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/heis/>

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/TheService/organised.aspx>

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts>

<http://www.scottishambulance.com/AboutUs/HowWeOrganised.aspx>

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland>

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/2421/1>

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/contact>

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

<https://www.police.uk/forces/>

<http://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

<http://www.psnipolice.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency> <http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/archive/law-order/Police/PoliceServiceofScotland>

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

<http://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

<https://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords-in-wales/?lang=en>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About_us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx
<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>
<https://idea.org.uk/> <http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/registerhomepage.aspx>
http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search_Auth.aspx
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644>

A complete list of permissible users is shown on the NEPO website below:

<https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-users>

Organisations wishing to access the NEPO agreement will be required to register as a NEPO Associate Member in the first instance.

Further information can be found at: www.nepo.org

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

07/11/2019