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THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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F03: Contract award notice

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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DURHAM

DH15UL

Email

facilities.management@nepo.org

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC - North East (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nepo.org (<http://www.nepo.org>)

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

NEPO411 Furniture

Reference number

NEPO411

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 39000000 - Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Councils trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) Framework Agreement award for Furniture. The Framework Agreement provides a compliant multi-supplier, multi-lot solution for the supply, delivery and installation of furniture across a variety of public-sector settings.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £85,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Office Furniture & Home Working

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39130000 - Office furniture
- 39151300 - Modular furniture

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, delivery and installation of general office furniture and associated services including but not limited to office seating, desking, tables, desk screens - including protective Coronavirus solutions - monitor arms and storage solutions. Suppliers provide a comprehensive range of furniture for a variety of office settings, including reception, conference, dining and bespoke solutions along with any home working requirements of Contracting Authorities.

The Framework Agreement for Furniture is to be made 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 supplies. The Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of ten (10) suppliers on to each lot. Awarded suppliers will then be mapped on a matrix which demonstrates their specialisms and their ability to supply geographically. The contracting authority will issue a call-off by way of direct award without opening up competition or through the operation of a mini-competition. The call-off contract will be on the terms specified in the call-off terms and conditions, supplemented as appropriate by such details as price and quantity which will be specified in the call-off order.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Educational & Library Furniture

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39155000 - Library furniture
- 39160000 - School furniture

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, delivery and installation of educational and library furniture to meet the requirements of nursery, early years, primary, secondary, higher educational and further education establishments and associated services. Suppliers provide a comprehensive range of furniture for a variety of educational settings, including dining, library and bespoke solutions.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Residential Furniture (Social Care)

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39140000 - Domestic furniture

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, delivery and installation of residential furniture and associated solutions to meet a variety of social care requirements, including care homes, social housing providers and council tenancies including immediate provision of furniture for temporary accommodation. Suppliers provide a comprehensive range of living solutions including whitegoods and kitchen appliances, along with other household items, such as cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery.

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terms specified in the call-off terms and conditions, supplemented as appropriate by such details as price and quantity which will be specified in the call-off order.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Reserved Contracts (Supported Businesses)

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39000000 - Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Regulation 20 of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR 2015) focuses on opportunities for social and professional integration of disadvantaged or disabled workers and allows Contracting Authorities to restrict the tendering process to organisations meeting the relevant criteria of a Supported Business. In addition to being a Supported Business, suppliers must also be able to meet the requirements of one or more lots 1-3.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

No tenders or requests to participate Lot 4 - Reserved Contracts (Supported Businesses) were received from the market.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Lot 1 - Office Furniture & Home Working

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 11

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 13

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Albany Office Equipment Limited

Gateshead

NE8 2BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ambic Limited

Durham

DH2 2RN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bates Office Services Limited

Kent

ME2 2LS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Carson Office Environment Limited

Gateshead

NE8 3AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dams Furniture Limited

Liverpool

L33 7XS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Emergent Crown Contract Office Furnishings Limited

Halifax

HX3 8EF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FMS Interior Services Limited

Altrincham

WA14 5LU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Workwell Furniture Limited

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE6 1AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Levant Office Interiors Limited

South Shields

NE33 1RF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Office Update Limited

Leicester

Le4 1ET

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project:ff&e Limited

Halifax

HX1 2AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mobili Office Ltd

Skipton

BD23 2QR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Posturite Ltd

East Sussex

BN26 6SZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £65,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Lot 2 - Educational & Library Furniture

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Albany Office Equipment

Gateshead

NE8 2BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ambic Limited

Durham

DH2 2RN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Carson Office Environments

Gateshead

NE8 3AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Levant Office Interiors

South Shields

NE33 1RF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project:ff&e Limited

Halifax

HX1 2AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Workwell Furniture Limited

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE6 1AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Section V. Award of contract**Title**

Lot 3 - Residential Furniture (Social Care Settings)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Furniture Resource Centre

Liverpool

L3 4BE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project:ff&e Limited

Halifax

HX1 2AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Workwell Furniture Limited

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE6 1AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Abri Trading Limited T/A NFS

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE7 7LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Lot 4 - Reserved Contracts (Supported Businesses)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NEPO is a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). This means that NEPO may provide central purchasing activity on behalf of Contracting Authorities.

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

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

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

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

<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net> (<http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net>)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/About_us/Regulation/Registering_charities_index.aspx
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<http://www.oscr.org.uk/> (<http://www.oscr.org.uk/>)

<https://idea.org.uk/>
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(<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/registerhomepage.aspx>)

http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search_Auth.aspx
(http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search_Auth.aspx)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644>
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<https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-users>
(<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 (<https://www.nepo.org>)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NEPO

Guildhall, Quayside

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 3AF

Email

facilities.management@nepo.org

Country

United Kingdom

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