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Award

Collaborative safeguarding and gas safety services

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039808

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Collaborative safeguarding and gas safety services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The project will look to collaborate with the NSPCC with GDN's - Cadent, Wales and West, SGN and NGN to ensure the safety and well being of children and their families that are reached via this project.

This will be done through 3 sub-projects. The first will tackle carbon monoxide risks and provide fuel poverty support. This will be done through:

- Sharing information about carbon monoxide risks and fuel poverty support through the wide reach of the NSPCC's family and GCP2 programmes and its integration into various services and tools. This will provide benefit to the customers reached via this sub-project through increasing awareness on the CO dangers, signs, symptoms and preventative measures.
- Providing access to free carbon monoxide detectors for families identified through the NSPCC and GCP2 programmes. This will provide additional protection to at risk families supported through the project that are unable to purchase an alarm through their own means.
- Creating a training video of carbon monoxide risks for the relevant NSPCC employees, giving them a deeper understanding of the issue and allowing the support they offer to be more effective. This will ultimately ensure that NSPCC practitioners are vigilant to the signs of CO when supporting families across all networks.

The second will provide access to training to 18,635 GDN staff to increase their awareness on spotting the signs of child neglect/abuse. This will be done through:

- Educating all engineers, sub-contractors and contact centre employees via NSPCC e-learning to recognise and report signs of possible abuse and neglect. This will give GDN staff the confidence to report instances of concern and will ultimately provide greater support to children and families across all networks.

The third sub-project will involve implementing safeguarding standards across the GDNs. This will be done through:

- Working with each GDN to develop safeguarding standards and provide bespoke training for staff in the designated safeguarding roles. This will ultimately provide benefit to customers through ensuring GDNs are equipped to manage instances of child neglect and/or abuse that they come across in their BAU roles throughout GD2.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

NSPCC are the only National company to provide these services and they own the services such as the NSPCC e-learning

The providing of CO alarms will be done when the NSPCC come into contact with vulnerable families that need them, homes

that NGN may never have had any contact with. The safeguarding policy is being developed with NGN direct and the NSPCC.

They are the only organisation who currently deliver this type of service in the UK.

In addition, this contract is a Collaborative VCMA project with Cadent, Wales and West, SGN and NGN.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £362,989

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom