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Strategic Services and PMO Services

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

The scope covers three primary topics:

- 1) Strategic advisory services - interpret government hydrogen policy and incorporate into ECH network strategy development. Review of hydrogen demand data, production capacity and project assumptions. Define high and low hydrogen demand scenarios. Re-evaluate Pre-FEED route options based on updated demand and production scenario analysis. Commercial development including routing options, production partners and the financial model.
- 2) Strategic stakeholder engagement - determine and define key information required from DESNZ, NESO, NGT, offtakers, producers etc. Define insights / inputs to share with core stakeholders. Evolve stakeholder engagement plan to validate demand analysis and securing of MOU agreements from anchor offtakers.
- 3) Programme delivery model - establish gaps and improvement opportunities across core programme management areas. Develop roadmap design of core controls and governance framework integrating cost, schedule and risk. Implement PMO setup and PM support to ensure successful FEED delivery.

Contract 1

Supplier

- BARINGA PARTNERS LLP

Contract value

- £1,031,200 excluding VAT
- £1,289,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

26 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 30 June 2026
- 4 months, 27 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71240000 - Architectural, engineering and planning services
- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services
- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 76100000 - Professional services for the gas industry

Contract locations

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The original contract for strategic advice and PMO services for the East Coast Hydrogen project was competitively tendered and awarded below the relevant procurement threshold. Due to procurement timescales, the new framework for these services will not go live until June 2026, while the current contract is due to expire. To maintain continuity of critical services during this gap, we must extend the existing contract, which will result in the total contract value exceeding the threshold.

The extension is essential because the East Coast Hydrogen project is at a critical stage and cannot be paused without jeopardizing delivery against the June 2027 completion deadline. The services required remain consistent with the original scope and include:

- Strategic advice to secure offtake agreements and cement routing options through MOUs, enabling progression to FEED design.
- Development of routing options for engagement with potential hydrogen producers.
- Engagement with DESNZ and NESO to ensure alignment with government strategy.
- PMO services to implement robust project controls and governance, rapidly establish and operate the PMO, and support the award of main design, planning, and consenting work packages over the next six months.

This is being extended using justification linking to Additional or repeat goods, serviced or works where switching would cause disruption - The incumbent supplier possesses unique knowledge and experience from prior involvement, making them best suited to deliver these services efficiently during this short extension period. A change of provider would introduce significant risk, cost duplication, and delay.

It should be noted that a live tender process is already underway for these services, which will allow other businesses to competitively bid for the longer-term provision of strategic advice and PMO support. The new framework will take effect from June 2026.

During the first 12 months of the Framework being awarded (June 26-June 27) spending on PMO and Strategic Advisory Services could reach up to £175k per month, totalling £2.1m. Anyone interested in providing these services for NGN should participate in the tender. Following this there is a potential 8 year extension on the Framework.

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Contracting authority

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