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# **WAN, LAN and Unified Communications**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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**LEEDS** 

LS158TU

#### Contact

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#### **Email**

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### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKE42 - Leeds

## Internet address(es)

Main address

www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk

# 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

WAN, LAN and Unified Communications

## II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

## II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

## II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for unified comms (UC) services which provide the telecommunications network (WAN, LAN and WiFi) across all of NGN's offices and depots.

## II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £660,000

# II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKE42 - Leeds

# II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is for unified comms (UC) services which provide the telecommunications network (WAN, LAN and WiFi) across all of NGN's offices and depots.

# 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:**

There are technical reasons for extending the current contract with Vodafone for 12 months before running a tender event in 2021. These are listed below -

#### Internet Breakout

NGN's existing internet breakout contract needs to be combined in the Unified Comms tender, which isn't currently possible.

#### New requirements

NGN's need to seek other telco solutions prior to tendering the contract, such as SD WAN or direct WAN internet breakout to give more flexibility to manage the network performance and improve change management and service delivery.

#### Refurbs

Prior to tendering, NGN need to have a steady-state network to avoid complexity of scope for the tender.

# 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

30 March 2020

### 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

Vodafone Limited

Newbuy

Country

**United Kingdom** 

NUTS code

• UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £660,000

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# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.4) Procedures for review

# VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

**United Kingdom** 

## VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

This notice will be live for 10 days