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## **GD3 Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement**

WALES & WEST UTILITIES LIMITED

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Companies House**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.wwutilities.co.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://sourcing4wwu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://sourcing4wwu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**I.6) Main activity**

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

GD3 Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement

Reference number

PQQ\_336

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads,

airfields and railways; flatwork

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

### **II.1.4) Short description**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across 8 Regions in Wales and South West England to commence in April 2026.

Suppliers are invited to participate in the pre-qualification process for short-listing a minimum of 3 and maximum of 8 Economic Operators to participate in the procurement of the GD3 Mains Replacement and Reinstatement project by Wales and West Utilities.

If successful, Economic Operators will then be invited to submit a Final Tender across 8 Geographical Lots.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £420,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
7

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 7

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

North Wales

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of North Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across North Wales to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

1. Tier One Mains Replacement & Associated Services
2. Consequential Steel & Associated Services
3. Stranded non-tier One Mains
4. Reinstatement - All Mains Replacement, Connections & Leakage, Reinforcement, Diversions
5. Backfill (Tier One, Consequential, Stranded)
6. Purge & Relight (Tier One, Consequential, Stranded)
7. Copper re-runs (Tier One, Consequential, Stranded)
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9. Programme Control and Enabling
10. Obtaining Planning, Permits, Street Notices
11. PPE
12. Welfare
13. Vans, fuel, plant and equipment

## 14. Customer Support

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

One year option to extend beyond 31/03/2031

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

See Selection documentation

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

West Wales

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of West Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

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2. Consequential Steel & Associated Services
3. Stranded non-tier One Mains
4. Reinstatement - All Mains Replacement, Connections & Leakage, Reinforcement, Diversions
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### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

South and East Wales

Lot No



3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL2 - East Wales

Main site or place of performance

Across the Region of South and East Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across South and East Wales to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

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2. Consequential Steel & Associated Services
3. Stranded non-tier One Mains
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13. Vans, fuel, plant and equipment

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

Start date

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End date

31 March 2031

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Description of renewals

One year option to extend beyond 31/03/2031

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Maximum number: 8

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

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**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Gloucester and Swindon

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of Gloucester and Swindon

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across Gloucester and Swindon to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

1. Tier One Mains Replacement & Associated Services
2. Consequential Steel & Associated Services

3. Stranded non-tier One Mains
4. Reinstatement - All Mains Replacement, Connections & Leakage, Reinforcement, Diversions
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#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

One year option to extend beyond 31/03/2031

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 8

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Bristol and Frome

Lot No

5

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of Bristol and Frome

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across Bristol and Frome to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

1. Tier One Mains Replacement & Associated Services
2. Consequential Steel & Associated Services
3. Stranded non-tier One Mains
4. Reinstatement - All Mains Replacement, Connections & Leakage, Reinforcement, Diversions
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14. Customer Support

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

One year option to extend beyond 31/03/2031

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

See Selection Documents

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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### **II.2.1) Title**

Taunton

Lot No

6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of Taunton

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across Taunton to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

1. Tier One Mains Replacement & Associated Services
2. Consequential Steel & Associated Services
3. Stranded non-tier One Mains



4. Reinstatement - All Mains Replacement, Connections & Leakage, Reinforcement, Diversions
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#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

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End date

31 March 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

One year option to extend beyond 31/03/2031

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

See Selection Documents

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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Options: No

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Exeter and Plymouth

Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of Exeter and Plymouth

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across Exeter and Plymouth to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

1. Tier One Mains Replacement & Associated Services
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3. Stranded non-tier One Mains
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End date

31 March 2031

This contract is subject to renewal

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cornwall

Lot No

8

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45000000 - Construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Main site or place of performance

Across the region of Cornwall

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Wales & West Utilities are seeking a new Gas Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Service for improved efficiency and productivity across Cornwall to commence in April 2026.

Proposed services to be procured across the region include, but are not limited to:

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

See Selection Documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

See Selection Documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

See Selection Documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

See Selection Documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

See Selection Documents

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

See Selection Documents

#### **III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

See Selection Documents

#### **III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

See Selection Documents

#### **III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract**



**is to be awarded**

See Selection Documents

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

15 March 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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

17 April 2024

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 1 April 2026

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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A GD3 Mains Replacement and Reinstatement Pre-Qualification session is planned for mid-February. The 2 hour session will be held online via MS Teams. Wales and West Utilities will provide some context to the procurement exercise and provide a walkthrough of the procurement documents. There will be a supplier Q&A at the end of the session. Further details will be published via the Bravo portal in due course. Suppliers who have registered to participate in this procurement exercise will be invited to this event.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Wales and West Utilities

Newport

Country

United Kingdom