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Award

Undertake, Oversee and Deliver the overall Master Testing Plan

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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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

Undertake, Oversee and Deliver the overall Master Testing Plan

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Following the design and build of the H21 test facility in Middlesbrough by DNV under a separate fixed price contract. DNV will undertake, oversee and deliver the overall Master Testing Plan at the test facility over a 6 month period. The scope of scheduled tests and demonstrations will be undertaken on the mains and services within the site to confirm the suitability of existing industry procedures when used in conjunction with other assets containing 100% hydrogen. The tests will address all elements of local LP distribution maintenance and include; commissioning, decommissioning, new connections, pressure reduction, flow analysis, flow stop operations and new innovation methods. The associated costs within this contract are to cover time and materials associated with management of site, travel and subsistence, procedure writing, technical report writing,

undertaking operational activities on site and site security arrangements.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Following the design and build of the H21 test facility in Middlesbrough by DNV under a separate fixed price contract, the time and materials option E services contract will serve for DNV to undertake, oversee and deliver the overall Master Testing Plan at the test facility over a 6 month period. The scope of scheduled tests and demonstrations will be undertaken on the mains and services within the site to confirm the suitability of existing industry procedures when used in conjunction with other assets containing 100% hydrogen. The tests will address all elements of local LP distribution maintenance and include; commissioning, decommissioning, new connections, pressure reduction, flow analysis, flow stop operations and new innovation methods. The associated costs within this contract are to cover time and materials associated with management of site, travel and subsistence, procedure writing, technical report writing, undertaking operational activities on site and site security arrangements.

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:

As this is NGN's first project of this nature in a public space it was recognised that NGN needed to utilise an organisation with history and experience in this field to oversee the design, build and subsequent operation of this facility for the duration of the trial whilst also to develop the required safe operating procedures. As being NGN's project partners and having been appointed to design and build this facility, it was always the intention that they would also have control and operation whilst the trial is ongoing. This approach will ensure DNV GL have end to end control of the site, ensuring safe operation and best protect NGNs overall accountability. Any other approach would have significantly increased risk and project continuity

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

9 February 2022

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

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United Kingdom