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Tender

DSP Phase 2

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Northern Gas Networks (NGN) is initiating a Phase 2 procurement event to expand the existing Direct Service Provider (DSP) Framework, which currently runs until 2029 with options to extend. Due to capacity constraints within the current framework, additional suppliers are required to ensure sufficient resource availability across the network. This expansion is intended to supplement-not replace-the existing DSP supply.

The requirement covers the provision of multiple DSPs to support delivery of Gas Mains Replacement, Reinforcement, New Connections, Specialist Gas Services, and Diversions throughout the RIIO price control period. The expanded framework will help enable delivery of up to 600km of mains replacement, diversion, condition, and reinforcement works, alongside customer-driven connection activities. All works will continue to be delivered in line with relevant industry and safety standards applicable to gas distribution operations.

The framework will operate across the full NGN geography, with bidders able to tender for all areas or select specific regions within the network. As with the existing arrangement, the framework will not guarantee any minimum volume or value of work. Awards will be made on the basis of the most advantageous outcome for NGN, ensuring capability, resilience, and value across the supply base.

The purpose of this procurement is to strengthen delivery capacity, maintain service continuity, and ensure NGN can meet regulatory, operational, and customer-driven requirements at scale. Phase 2 will enhance resilience across the network by increasing the number of qualified DSPs available to support planned and reactive works, without altering the current ranking or status of existing suppliers.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £60,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 12 March 2029
- Possible extension to 12 March 2032
- 5 years, 8 months, 12 days

Description of possible extension:

Initial Term roughly 3 years - in line with existing framework end date.

3 year extension provisions - in line with existing framework end date.

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45231220 - Construction work for gas pipelines

Contract locations

- 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
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

NGN will conduct assessments at each stage set out in the tender event. Each stage has minimum criteria to meet as set out in the tender documentation and will adhere to the scoring methodology set out in the tender event.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

17 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please review the attached document within this notice and follow instructions within in order to participate in this event.

It is suppliers responsibility to follow all instructions to participate in the attached document within this tender notice.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type
Conditions of Participation Evaluation	Quality
PQQ Evaluation Criteria	Quality
RFP Evaluation Criteria (non-commercial section)	Quality
RFP Evaluation Criteria (commercial section)	Price
RFP Evaluation Criteria (contractual section)	Quality

Weighting description

Conditions of Participation Evaluation: Pass/Fail - Any failed questions in this section means supplier will be removed from the tender process.

PQQ Evaluation Criteria: Bidders must score over 60%

RFP Evaluation Criteria:

Bidders must achieve 60% on non-commercials

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

This procurement will follow the following process:

- Tender notice issued (this notice) for 25 days
- Interested suppliers to follow Market Dojo link to the Conditions of Participation stage (Pass/Fail)
- Suppliers who Pass the Conditions of Participation stage will be invited to a PQQ
- The PQQ end date 27th February 2026
- PQQ responses evaluated
- Suppliers who score over 60% will be invited to tender (RFP)
- RFP will go live on 23/03/2026 until 21/04/2026
- RFP evaluations carried out until 06/05/2026.

Bidders must achieve 60% on non-commercials

- BAFO will then be carried out on commercials 07/05/2026 - 21/05/2026
- BAFO will be evaluated until 05/06/2026
- Suppliers notified of the outcome

Full details are made available in the tender scope.

If supplementary stages are required throughout the process, or stages noted in the strategy defined above are no longer required, it is at NGN's discretion to include or remove stages.

It is at the discretion of NGN to change the weightings/criteria or add additional subcriteria/weightings to the PQQ or RFP if there is a need to do so before the submission deadline of the relevant stage.

Any changes to the evaluation criteria will be communicated
to all Bidders.

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Tender notice for the provision of DSP Phase 2 - Guidance.docx](#)

Contracting authority

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