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Contract

## **Undertake, Oversee and Deliver the overall Master Testing Plan**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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

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

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Main address

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**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**

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**

This contract relates to phase 2 of an ongoing project which is the next phase in assessing the suitability of the existing below 7bar gas distribution network to transport 100% hydrogen. Phase 2 is the 'Unoccupied Trial' and looks to take learning from previous phases in order to undertake field operations on a real life section of the NGN network. This will be the link between previous testing at Buxton / Spadeadam and any future fully occupied trial. Following the design and build of the H21 test facility in Middlesbrough by DNV GL under a fixed price contract, this contract will enable DNV GL 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 currently being developed will be undertaken on the mains supply within the site to confirm their suitability, and 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, repairs, new connections, pressure reduction, flow analysis, flow stop operations and new innovation methods. As this is NGN's first project of this nature in a public space the need was recognised 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 developing the required safe operating procedures. As project partners and having been appointed to design and build this facility DNVGL were the only realistic solution for this contract

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

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

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

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

Options: No

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## 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:

This contract relates to an ongoing project to determine the usability of NGN's distribution network for the delivery of Hydrogen. The tests undertaken will include; commissioning, decommissioning, repairs, new connections, pressure reduction, flow analysis, flow stop operations and new innovation methods. DNVGL are the contractor employed by all the UK gas distribution networks to fault diagnose and investigate issues with gas distribution. As such DNVGL are the only realistic provider with the required level of credibility to provide this work.

#### 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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## Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 March 2022

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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