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Contract for the Calibration of High Pressure Meters

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

Contract for the Calibration of High Pressure Meters

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50433000 - Calibration services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Northern Gas Networks (NGN) operate gas offtakes sites. These sites use a combination of different fiscal metering types to calculate the volume of gas passing through site. NGN are required to have the High Pressure (HP) Meters calibrated at a UKAS accredited facility at predetermined intervals.

The service provider must deliver static high pressure 6-point calibrations using natural gas across a range of meter types, sizes and flow rates. These will include ultrasonic, turbine and orifice plate meters. Calibrations may require the inclusion of customer provided metering spool pieces and flow conditioners. The service provider must be UKAS accredited. Calibration certificates must include meter correction factors and applicable calibration conditions such as flow rates and temperatures and all applicable meter information.

A Call for Competition was issue via an Express of Interest (EOI) in Achilles on 19th January 2023 to seek competition for the calibration of the HP Meters. One company came forward to offer their in-house services, no other viable competition responded to the EOI, which closed on 31st January 2023. On these grounds a competitive tender will not be ran for the provision of calibration of the HP Meters.

This work will not be outsourced due to the operation risk to NGN.

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)
- UKD1 - Cumbria
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF3 - Lincolnshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 year contract with the option to extend for 2 x 1 years

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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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

6 March 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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