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Award

Customer Support Fund

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b212

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKE42 - Leeds

Companies House

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Main address

www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk

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**

Customer Support Fund

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 76000000 - Services related to the oil and gas industry

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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crises, NGN acknowledge that we serve many customers, who are in desperate need of financial support. Many have been unable to access funding as a result of falling through gaps in funding streams. For these customers, we set up a support / hardship fund, in partnership with existing similar funds. Access to this fund has a strict set of criteria, to ensure that we are not duplicating any other available funding streams. The fund is facilitated by NGN however, delivered by experts in their field. This element of the fund is to provide assisted gas connections and / or first time central heating and is facilitated by our fuel poor partner (CE) and contractors who can provide internal measures

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £110,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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:

NGN's fuel poor partner, Communitas Energy are the only supplier who have the established customer relationship and access to relevant information through the fuel poor assessment work and therefore the ability to determine appropriate applicants for the customer support fund scheme as outlined in this contract. It would not be possible to have the same set up with any other supplier as a result of this.

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

10 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Communitas Energy CIC

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Companies House

09939033

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £110,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom