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Contract

## **GD3 Framework**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-007621

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02874b

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

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

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Colton Leeds

LS158TU

#### **Contact**

Becky Handforth

#### **Email**

[rhandforth@northerngas.co.uk](mailto:rhandforth@northerngas.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

## **Companies House**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk](http://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk)

## **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**

GD3 Framework

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is a contract award notice for a framework of strategic partners to support the development its strategic business plan for GD3.

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1. Market Research and Analysis
2. Regulatory Finance

3. Regulatory Strategy
4. Cost assessment and efficiency
5. Incentivisation
6. Strategic Positioning
7. Business Plan Project Support and Design
8. Efficiency and Effectiveness Assessments of business functions, Innovation, and future energy transition
9. Governance and Assurance
10. Review and Validation

#### **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)
- 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)

#### **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**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **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**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-000004](#)

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4 February 2025

#### **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**

Aqua Consultants

Harrogate

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Companies House

Aqua Consultants

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Baringa Partners LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

Baringa Partners LLP

The contractor is an SME

No

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ChandlerKBS Limited

Cardiff

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

Companies House

ChandlerKBS Limited

The contractor is an SME

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CRA International (UK) Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

CRA International (UK) Limited

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Deecon Consulting Limited

Uxbridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

Deecon Consulting Limited

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.6) Price paid for bargain purchases**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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DNV Services UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

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The contractor is an SME

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Economic Insight Limited (

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Companies House

Economic Insight Limited (

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Efficio Limited

London

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United Kingdom

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Efficio Limited

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Environmental Resources Management Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

Environmental Resources Management Limited

The contractor is an SME

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Frontier Economics Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

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Frontier Economics Limited

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Guidehouse Europe Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Guidehouse Europe Ltd

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ICS Consulting Limited

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Companies House

ICS Consulting Limited

The contractor is an SME

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KPMG LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

KPMG LLP

The contractor is an SME

No

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Forvis Mazars LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

Forvis Mazars LLP

The contractor is an SME

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Ove Arup & Partners Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

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Oxera Consulting LLP

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Companies House

Oxera Consulting LLP

The contractor is an SME

No

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PA Consulting Services Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

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Companies House

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The contractor is an SME

No

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SIA Partners UK Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

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Turner & Townsend Infrastructure Limited

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE42 - Leeds

Companies House

Turner & Townsend Infrastructure Limited

The contractor is an SME

No

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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

Internet address

[www.northerngasnetwork.co.uk](http://www.northerngasnetwork.co.uk)