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## **Provision of Wood Pole Inspections**

Northern Powergrid Limited

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.northernpowergrid.com](http://www.northernpowergrid.com)

**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Wood Pole Inspections

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

- 45232200 - Ancillary works for electricity power lines

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

Works

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

Northern Powergrid intends to purchase the provision of wood pole inspections. The requirement is to inspect up to 48,000 wood poles over 6 months based on a known supply chain capability.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Northern Powergrid intends to purchase the provision of wood pole inspections. The requirement is to inspect up to 48,000 wood poles over 6 months based on a known supply chain capability.

Outputs from the inspections will be used to inform investment decisions for the enduring maintenance of the asset base.

The inspection will include the following requirements:

- 1) Compilation of a data collection plan.

2) Photographs of the pole(s) along with the surrounding environment.

All photos shall include the geo-coordinates to record time/date location of the inspected site.

3) The inspections will include a resistograph test using a micro drill above and below ground level.

This test will be completed without any excavation works are in line with NSP/004/112 - (OHI 12) Guidance for the Inspection and Testing of Wood & Steel Poles  
<https://www.northernpowergrid.com/asset/0/document/5332.pdf>.

4) The results of each inspection are to be provided in the form of a % RSV (Residual Strength Value),.

The % RSV will inform the integrity of the pole, defects and an associated condition rating.

A percentage decay result is not an acceptable output of these inspections.

The first inspections are scheduled to commence by 1st May 2022 and will continue until all of the required poles are inspected. The anticipated completion date is 30th November 2022.

Northern Powergrid is not aware of any other suppliers in the market place that can offer the required service within the required timescales.

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:

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#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Title**

Provision of Wood Pole Inspections

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

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

22 March 2022

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Northern Powergrid Internal Audit

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