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Award

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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I.6) Main activity

Electricity

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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