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Call Handling Services

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

Call Handling Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79510000 - Telephone-answering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The scope encompasses the provision of the call receipting and classification services underpinning the National Gas Emergency Call Handling Service. The services provided under this agreement are as follows:

- Gas Emergency Calls received from the National Gas Emergency Number
- Non Emergency Calls- Incident Management Calls

All calls are managed by the national emergency number on a 24/7/365 basis.

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: £5,016,561.95

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham
- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

- UKD1 - Cumbria
- UKE12 - East Riding of Yorkshire
- UKE2 - North Yorkshire
- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Main site or place of performance

NGN network.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cadent Gas shall provide the call receipting and classification services underpinning the National Gas Emergency Call Handling Service.

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- Gas Emergency Calls received from the National Gas Emergency Number
- Non Emergency Calls- Incident Management Calls

All calls are managed by the national emergency number on a 24/7/365 basis.

By contracting with Cadent Gas for these services, alongside the other GDNs doing the same, NGN are satisfying regulatory and safety obligations set by Ofgem and HS&E. The regulator's expectation is that all GDNs will work together to ensure that these services fulfil a national coordinated approach that does not compromise public safety.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

Cadent Gas shall provide the call receipting and classification services underpinning the National Gas Emergency Call Handling Service.

The current contract with Cadent Gas expires on the 30th of April 2021 and the collective GDN decision is to renew it until 2026. By contracting with Cadent Gas for these services, alongside the other GDNs doing the same, NGN are satisfying regulatory and safety obligations set by Ofgem and HS&E. The regulator's expectation is that all GDNs will work together to ensure that these services fulfill a national coordinated approach that does not compromise public safety.

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

AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF CALL HANDLING SERVICES

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 April 2021

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

Cadent Gas Limited

Coventry

CV7 8PE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG33 - Coventry

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: £5,016,561.95

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks Limited

Leeds

LS15 8TU

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

This notice will be issued to the market for 10 days.