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## **Covid 19 Impact report**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

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**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

Covid 19 Impact report

#### **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**

Impact of Covid 19 reporting

NGN Contact Details: Rebecca Handforth

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Issue Date of notice: 11th April 2022

Closing Date and Time to contact and confirm interest to participate: 19th April 2022 at 12.00pm

The purpose of this contract is to source a supplier to support and document the impact of the Covid -19 Pandemic on NGN to ensure impacts are documented now and retained in corporate memory prior to RII02 Close out.

Key requirements are:

- To document the impact of covid-19 on NGN
- To develop a framework for quantifying costs of Covid 19 and subsequent workload impact on NGN
- To prepare a proposal based on cost and workload which supports the NGN GD2 Close Out Covid-19 submission (recover costs)

The output of the work should be a professional services report capturing short and long term impacts i.e. GD1 then GD2 to future and identify:

- Risks faced
- How we responded
- Rational for decisions
- Opportunity cost of decisions
- Timelines• Costs• Workloads
- Impact on customer
- Impact on / through the regulatory framework - compared to baseline

### **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)

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

If you would like to participate in this tender event, please contact the NGN contact for this notice directly to express your interest to participate within the timescales - 11th April 2022 - 19th April 2022 at 12.00pm

The specification of requirements:

In the final year of RIIO-GD-1 (2020/21) and cross over to Year 1 of RIIO-GD 2 (2021/22) the global Covid-19 Pandemic caused disruption to business-as-usual operations and back-office functions at Northern Gas Networks (NGN).

NGN applied a stringent safety-first approach throughout this time in strict accordance with the latest government guidance as the pandemic evolved.

As a frontline service, NGN was able to maintain some operational workforce during the pandemic, however, there were many instances where planned Capex, Repex or Operational activity was delayed or deferred to manage the workforce and service outputs in response to the evolving situation. In addition, decision making took account of the evolving situation which may have resulted in short term decisions right for that moment in time but not necessarily consistent with NGN's long-term strategy.

Ofgem have confirmed that the impact of the Covid Pandemic will be assessed during the close out process for RIIO-GD2 which will take place in 2026-27. Due to the time gap between the pandemic ending and NGN returning to business-as-usual activity and the RIIO2 close out process NGN requires support to document the impact of the Covid -19 Pandemic on NGN to ensure impacts are documented and retained in corporate memory prior to RIIO2 close out.

The scope of this project will target all business areas and key requirements include:

- To document the impact of covid-19 on NGN, specifically Repex Programme, Capital Programme, Operational Activity, Delivery of Outputs and compliance with the regulatory contract.
- To develop a framework which quantifies the costs of Covid 19 and subsequent workload impact on NGN in relation to decisions made as the pandemic evolved.
- To prepare a report focussed on cost and workload which supports the NGN GD2 Close Out Covid-19 submission (recover costs).
- The output of the work will be a professional services report capturing short- and long-term impacts of NGN's Response i.e., GD1 then GD2 to future and identify:
  - Risks faced
  - How NGN responded
  - Rational for decisions
  - Opportunity cost of decisions

- Timelines
- Costs
- Workloads
- Impact on customer
- Impact on / through the regulatory framework - compared to baseline

It is expected that the project will be completed via a suite of onsite interviews/workshops with key senior managers and their teams to facilitate data collection and working with the Regulation and strategy teams to develop a framework for assessment and subsequent completion of a report.

It is anticipated that the contract will be completed in a period of 6-10 weeks

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

3

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

19 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

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