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Award

Sharnberry MWTS - Power Connection - Phase 2 Non-Contestable Works

Mining Remediation Authority

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Scope

Reference

CA18/2/1/137

Description

The Water and Abandoned Metal Mines Programme (WAMM) is the primary delivery mechanism to achieve the statutory Environment Act target to halve the length of rivers polluted by harmful metals from abandoned metal mines by 2038.

WAMM is being delivered by a partnership between the Mining Remediation Authority, the Environment Agency and Defra.

The former Sharnberry mines are located in County Durham at the far eastern edge of the North Pennines Orefield, in the Pennines Moors.

The mines pollute rivers in the Wear catchment, specifically the Euden Beck and downstream Bedburn Beck.

The Environment Agency carried out a detailed monitoring programme to measure the metal concentrations and river flows at various points across the catchment. This monitoring indicated that the Sharnberry adit is the most significant source of zinc and cadmium pollution and also contributes to lead pollution.

The Environment Agency have advised that a Mine Water Treatment Scheme (MWTS) is required that will require a permanent power connection.

In February 2025, it was agreed to progress with Phase 1 of the grid connection, which is from Eggleston Crest to the boundary of the Eggleston Estate access track.

This contract is for non-contestable works of the phase 2 grid extension, which is for Northern Powergrid to:

- Upgrade the existing two-conductor system to Three-Phase, which involves rebuilding the line.
- Carrying out 1x HV closing joint
- Undertaking all Senior Authorised Person work associated with all connections to the Distribution System

Contract 1. Sharnberry MWTS - Power Connection - Phase 2 Non-Contestable Works

Supplier

- NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST) PLC

Contract value

- £435,072.02 excluding VAT

- £522,086.42 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

20 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 February 2026 to 31 December 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2027
- 1 year, 10 months, 9 days

Description of possible extension:

Extensions will only be required if operational site conditions, weather and other factors delay delivery of services

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 51110000 - Installation services of electrical equipment

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

These services fall under the definition of non-contestable works under the auspices of the Electricity Act of 1989

When applying for a new electricity connection to the national grid, non contestable works refer to those elements of the connection process that only the Distribution Network Operator (DNO) can legally carry out. They contrast with contestable works, which independent providers (ICPs or IDNOs) may execute under suitable accreditation.

In this instance the DNO is Northern Powergrid

Supplier

NORTHERN POWERGRID (NORTHEAST) PLC

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Mining Remediation Authority

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