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## **Ctrl Hub Safety Assurance System**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-009764

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03bc53

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

## **Companies House**

05167070

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.nortnengasnetworks.co.uk](http://www.nortnengasnetworks.co.uk)

## **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**

Ctrl Hub Safety Assurance System

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

Control Hub is NGN's current system for DSP contract assurance, used both by NGN and Supplier to ensure

visibility on plant/equipment/vehicles and personnel qualifications/STC/training records. This system also feeds

into NGN's Occupational Health Surveillance programme. NGN issue work through the system via Control

Hub, project designs and all utility plans, customer information including vulnerable

customer details. P&R

workload is requested via Control Hub, and service record cards and all reinstatement measures are also

recorded on Control Hub by contractor engineers.

#### **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: £1,190,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

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

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

Options: 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:

This contract is awarded to Ctrl Hub. The reasons for this are -

- It is currently a very integrated NGN bespoke built system - linked to NGN SAP, NGN GSOS which if replaced

would see significant integration costs (up to £1m)

This notice is issued on the following basis - in the case of supply contracts for additional deliveries by the original supplier which are intended either as a partial replacement of supplies or installations or as the extension of existing supplies or installations, where a change of supplier would oblige the utility to acquire supplies having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

4 April 2023

#### **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**

Ctrl Hub Limited

Gateshead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

09483451

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: £1,190,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This contract is awarded to Ctrl Hub. The reasons for this are -

- NGN need a 'ready' system
- Training costs would need to be absorbed by the Supplier for all staff with no disruption
- It is currently a very integrated NGN bespoke built system - linked to NGN SAP, NGN GSOS which if replaced

would see significant integration costs (up to £1m)

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

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

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom