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## **Apollo Mobility Solution**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.northerngasnetworks.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**

Apollo Mobility Solution

**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**

Apollo is used on all NGN laptops, tablets and system control PCs, to enable secure remote access to NGN's IT systems. This enables widescale home-working during the COVID-19 pandemic and supports secure day to day operations for NGN's field force and system control. Brand is also an essential service to secure data flows from our Gas Offtake sites back to System Control. 3iG are currently running a comprehensive programme to replace old Arqiva technology with Brand software which has given NGN more security and reliability.

**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: £313,497

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKE42 - Leeds

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

Brand Communications Apollo is used on all NGN laptops, tablets and system control PCs, to enable secure remote access to NGN's IT systems. This enables widescale home-working during the COVID-19 pandemic and supports secure day to day operations for NGN's field force and system control. Brand is also an essential service to secure data flows from our Gas Offtake sites back to System Control. 3iG are currently running a comprehensive programme to replace old Arqiva technology with Brand software which has given NGN more security and reliability.

### **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 without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

NGN have a contract with Brand Communications, which expires on the 31st of August 2021.

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This software is a critical part of our IT infrastructure and would be a multi-million pound investment to replace, procure and swap out all devices if Brand was replaced. The current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions would also create a longer-term programme of works of face-to-face interactions between the IT support team and 1000+ end user devices.

There is a need to renew the contract to save NGN time and money that has been spent on building our current infrastructure to replace this with a new solution.

#### 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**

### **Title**

Apollo Mobility Solutions

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

28 May 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**

Brand Communications Limited

Huntingdon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

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: £313,497

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

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.