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Contract

Covid 19 Impact report

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting 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

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 - Award

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

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 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.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2022

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

Economic Insight Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £70,529

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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