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Contract

## **VCMA - Scope Disability Energy Support with water advice service**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-015476

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-045512

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Companies House**

05167070

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

VCMA - Scope Disability Energy Support with water advice service

**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**

Building on the learnings of the partnership with Scope and the insights gathered from DES, the cost-of-living research and the SGN winter pilot scheme, NGN have reviewed and adapted the programme to increase the support provision for disabled people.

The partnership aims to;

Extend the DES partnership from May 2024 to March 2026

Increase the size of the DES team to enable more disabled people to access dedicated, skilled energy and benefits advisers

Provide crisis support including energy credit for those on credit meters and heated blankets for those who would benefit from targeted warmth

Provide carbon monoxide alarms and information packs in inclusive formats

Provide a targeted marketing campaigns that promotes the Priority Services Register and the DES service twice a year with a focus on winter resilience support and planning for disabled people

Provide training to the Scope general advice team so that they can support more disabled people with energy safeguarding support and triage to either self-service or into DES should the customer lack the skills or confidence to self-serve.

#### **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: £3,218,750.01

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

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **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)
- UKH - East of England

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

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

NGN along with other GDNs - Cadent, SGN & WWU are awarding a contract to Scope. The project of building on the learnings of the partnership with Scope and the insights gathered from DES, the cost-of-living research and the SGN winter pilot scheme, NGN have reviewed and adapted the programme to increase the support provision for disabled people.

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

Price

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

Explanation:

Scope is the only National disability charity that provides this type of service. Scope is the UK's leading pan disability equality charity, providing practical information and emotional support to disabled people and their families when it is most needed.

This partnership service with Scope goes above and beyond our core responsibilities as a Gas Distribution Network and

is eligible under the VCMA funding criteria as it will provide energy crisis support, access to energy efficiency and CO advice, empowering vulnerable households to use energy safely, efficiently, and affordably.

#### 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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-013415](#)

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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**

25 April 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Scope

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

00520866

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,218,750.01

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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