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Domestic Property Surveys

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority/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

Domestic Property Surveys

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This research / survey work relates to a specific area of the North East of England and exploring the possibility of transferring a group of properties from using Natural Gas as a principle fuel source to using Hydrogen for the same purpose. The results of these surveys will form part of a submission to be provided to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

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)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NGN intends to award a contract to British Gas for survey work to be undertaken in a specific area of the North East of England related to exploring the possibility of transferring a group of properties from using Natural Gas as a principle fuel source to using Hydrogen for the same purpose. The results of these surveys will form part of a submission to be provided to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The surveys will involve, but not be limited to, identifying current gas fuelled appliances e.g. boilers and cookers (hobs and ovens) to enable the quantification of the necessary changes required and costs to be incurred should hydrogen be implemented as a fuel source as a replacement to natural Gas. NGN has selected British Gas to undertake this work on the basis of the credibility they hold in the field of gas supply with a team of directly employed experts / engineers at hand who are familiar and trained in liaising directly with the members of the public on such technical matters. This credibility will subsequently give members of the public the confidence to welcome those conducting the surveys into their homes for the surveys to be undertaken. This level of credibility and the employed skill set is seen as a key differentiator in this regard.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The contract involved is purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development under the conditions stated in the directive

Explanation:

The work to be undertaken relates to the surveying of domestic and other properties to better understand the associated complexities of a potential change of fuel source from natural gas to Hydrogen. The results of which will be submitted to the appropriate Government department. This therefore complies with regulation 50 of the Utilities Contract Regulations (UCR2016) which states. Utilities may use the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition in the following cases- (b) where a contract is purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development and not for the purpose of securing a profit or of recovering research and development costs, and insofar as the award of such contract does not prejudice the competitive award of subsequent contracts which do seek, in particular, those ends;

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

23 June 2022

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

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United Kingdom