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## **Valve Track**

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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

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

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Main address

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**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**

Valve Track

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48150000 - Industrial control software package

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

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quickly located in the form of an ATEX approved, IP68 rated, decoded Bluetooth beacon connected to a cloud-based platform. This equipment is proprietary to the supplying organisation and is subsequently unavailable elsewhere. The contract includes the long term provision of monitoring services, software and support.

#### **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

#### **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**

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:

The equipment to be provided is proprietary to the supplying organisation and is therefore not available elsewhere. This is supported by regulation 50 which states (1) Utilities may use the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition in the following cases- (c) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons- (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons & (iii), where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement;

#### **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**

26 June 2023

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Northern Gas networks Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom