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QVD Framework - Pipe

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

QVD Framework - Pipe

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NGN has a constant requirement through its capital delivery programme for the ongoing supply of various parts and components to enable the completion of such works. The requirement in this instance being for Pipe & Flanges to Gas industry specification. NGN did formally tender this requirement as an above threshold procurement event. It was published via Achilles UVDB using the following codes 3.15.16-Pipes & Fittings - Stainless Steel, 3.15.11-Pipe Fittings - Clamps & Collars, 1.1.8-Fasteners & Fixings,

1.1.8.1-Bolts - Non Ferrous, 1.1.8.4-Bolts - High Temperature, 1.1.8.8-Studs - Non Ferrous, 1.1.8.10-Studs - High Tensile, 1.1.8.11-Studs - High Temperature, 1.1.8.13-Nuts - High Tensile, 1.1.8.15-Washers, 3.21.2-Mechanical Seals & Gaskets, 3.15.36-Spiral - metal, laminated metal foil gaskets and metal joints, 3.15.10-Pipes & Fittings - Steel, 3.15.10.8-Pipe Fittings & Flanges - Carbon Steel (Gas 7 Bar). The aim being to capture as many as possible suitable suppliers. The result being that the PQQ issued to 206 Achilles registered suppliers. 6 Only responded. The published aim of the Framework was to achieve a minimum of 5 suppliers per lot, the Lot structure being. Lot 1 Pipe, Lot 2 Flanges, Lot 3 Bolts, Nuts, Washers Lot 4 Gaskets & Soft Iron Rings.

Regarding Lot 1 Pipe and Lot 2 Flanges the outcome of the process resulted in one supplier for Pipe and two suppliers for Flanges. Due to the low take up it is NGN's intention to engage with suppliers directly. The same pre-qualification process and criteria for the original tender process is being used and that the addition of new suppliers to the Framework will not affect the status of those suppliers already awarded onto it, irrespective of scoring of the PQQ submissions. Those already awarded onto this Framework have been made aware of NGN's intentions in this regard in its aim to establish a robust qualified supply base for these lots.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items

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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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to a procedure with prior call for competition

Explanation:

The published aim of the aforementioned procurement process was to achieve 5 qualified suppliers per lot. The low take up did not enable this to happen as such NGN is adding additional suppliers to the framework on the basis that Utilities may use the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition in the following cases- (a) where no tenders, no suitable tenders, no requests to participate or no suitable requests to participate have been submitted in response to a procedure with a prior call for competition, provided that the initial conditions of the contract are not substantially altered;

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

3 June 2024

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom