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Backup as a Service remedial and support

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Softcat PLC provides NGN with a managed service via Harbor for our enterprise backup systems implemented within our AWS cloud platform. This is a contract extension.

These services include:

- Ensuring all NGN data within scope is continuously backed up.
- Providing NGN with 24/7 incident management support with agreed Service Level Agreements (SLAs) in place
- Supporting NGN's IT disaster recovery and business continuity processes.
- Continuous maintenance of the enterprise backup systems, including any required system updates or application version upgrades.
- Providing NGN with insights into the backup services, including daily status reporting, conducting monthly restore activities, and conducting service reviews.

- Supporting NGN with audit compliance.

A stable, reliable, and secure backup solution is essential to NGN's data and cyber resilience, making this a critical technology platform to build and operate.

Contract 1. Backup as a Service remedial and support

Supplier

- SOFTCAT PLC

Contract value

- £182,839.20 excluding VAT
- £219,407.04 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

14 May 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 May 2025 to 18 May 2027
- 2 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD1 - Cumbria
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

NGN is thoroughly evaluating our enterprise backup solution with the intent to adopt certain components using native technologies at our disposal. This strategic move aims to enhance alignment with our overarching business strategic objectives.

A comprehensive review of the solution is essential, necessitating considerable time and resources to execute. This will enable NGN to make an informed decision regarding our future backup landscape architecture, subsequently allowing us to initiate a formal tender process with well-defined requirements.

Terminating this service at the end of its current contract would place NGN in a highly compromised position, whereby we would be operating our critical production IT systems without the capability to back up and restore NGN data in the event of data loss or a cyber security attack. This would also mean that the governance, risk, and compliance policies and procedures we have agreed to would become unattainable, putting NGN at risk of audit breaches with the regulator and other audit committees, potentially resulting in financial penalties and reputational damage.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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