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Contract

Hydrogen Village Trials - PMO Support and Consumer Strategy Support

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b207

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Section I: Contracting 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

Hydrogen Village Trials - PMO Support and Consumer Strategy Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NGN requires the support of an external partner to align stakeholders, source required evidence and produce the artefacts which comprise. Defining Vulnerable customers in context of this project, and what NGN will provide these customers in terms of options and support, Understanding commercial customer needs and the offer(s) required to meet these, Determining the consumer impact of billing, protection and package options, Developing the end-to-end customer journey covering domestic, commercial, landlords and tenants, Documenting exit options and associated consumer impact. This requirement relates specifically to and will be built from work previously undertaken by this supplier. Also required is PMO resource for the Hydrogen Village Trial programme and other supporting / linked activities. The supplier has been selected to provide this service on the basis that they are already directly involved with the project as a result of other engagements in supporting and providing input to specific project workstreams which makes them ideally placed to deliver against this requirement on the basis of their pre-existing knowledge of the project and relationship with the NGN delivery team. These activities are also time critical in that the NGN submission to BEIS is due at the end of March 2023.

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

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

Explanation:

This contract relates directly to a research project to determine the ongoing supply of Hydrogen via the UK gas pipeline network as a substitute for Methane and as such this VEAT notice complies directly with Regulation 50 (b) which states "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

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

23 February 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom