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Award

IT Service Management Tool

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0483b2

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKE42 - Leeds

Companies House

05167070

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk>

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

IT Service Management Tool

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £132,250.70

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

For technical reasons, i.e. software or systems already integrated in the business and changing supplier would incur significant costs and risk - changing the ITSM tool will not only be more expensive (similar tools are typically more than 3 times the price), it will also have the following knock on affects:

- Loss of the historic records of existing assets - who did what and to which asset. This is essential for regulatory purposes especially in terms of the OT assets, and is also essential to maintain the visibility of devices and software licenses for audit purposes.
- Loss of the historic changes to our SAP roles and authorisations which we require for our Governance, Risk Management and Compliance audits.
- Loss of the historic Incident and Change information that we use to enable fault finding across our systems.

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

10 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Top Desk UK Limited

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

05396062

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £132,250.70

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Previous spend plus the renewal takes the overall total spend to £467,396.70 and therefore over threshold.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom