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Award

IT Cloud + Storage and Hosting Extension

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

IT Cloud + Storage and Hosting Extension

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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Brand, McAfee and Workbook Tracker, which are all active projects in 3iG's programme to enable the switch to AWS in the next 6-9 months.

This being the case, we therefore require a 1 year extension to cover the remaining requirements with SCC before it is fully moved over to AWS. As soon as these activities are complete, we can fully decommission our SCC estate.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- 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:

Northern Gas Networks (NGN) intend to renew their agreement with SCC for a 6 month period. NGN cannot risk operational delivery and requires contract assurance as there are still some legacy applications which are still to be upgraded/replaced before we can host in AWS. No other suppliers are able to undertake the scope of requirements as this requirement is specifically meant for SCC to meet NGN's needs. This contract also utilises modern secure private cloud hosting, reducing the overall cost and environmental impact of NGN's IT infrastructure, supported by an SCC Service Desk.

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

2 November 2021

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

SCC - Specialist Computer Centres

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

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: £240,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom