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Asset Investment Decision Support Tool C55

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

Asset Investment Decision Support Tool C55

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

The Copperleaf system has been implemented at NGN to support 4 areas:

Monetised Risk Annual Reporting

Regulatory Business Plan submission

CAPEX & REPEX programme valuation

Business as usual outperformance of the NOMs target

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: £1,680,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE42 - Leeds

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Copperleaf system has been implemented at NGN to support 4 areas:

Monetised Risk Annual Reporting

Regulatory Business Plan submission

CAPEX & REPEX programme valuation

Business as usual outperformance of the NOMs target

NGN have been using Copperleaf's asset investment decision support tool C55 to meet the needs of the risk and asset health reporting, the RIIO-GD2 submission and the deployment of the RIIO-GD2 plan.

NGN are looking to extend the contract with Copperleaf for 4 years in line with the RIIO-GD2 period.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

Copperleaf were awarded the implementation project after being identified as the preferred (and least cost) supplier from an OJEU process in 2017. The current contract with Copperleaf expires in May 2022.

Justification for Single Source:

1. It would take at least 9 months to implement a different system to meet the same requirements, which is expected would bear a significant cost in terms of Capex, as well as an increased licence fee, however in order to ensure that reporting requirements can be met, this system would need to be in place for April 2022.
2. The implementation of the decision support tool C55 or any other equivalent system has not been budgeted for in RIIO-GD2.
3. If the contract was not renewed with Copperleaf in May 2022, we would lose access to the system and would be unable to meet our annual reporting requirements for NARMs. Previously this was done using excel spreadsheets, however these are now obsolete and do not produce the data requirements from Ofgem as part of RRP.
4. In addition to the Capex cost avoidance and increased license fee, it is anticipated that Copperleaf will provide a further discount due to a longer contract period.

Based on the above justification, NGN's intention is to single source this contract to Copperleaf.

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

6 December 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

Coppeleaf Technologies Inc.

Vancouver

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

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: £1,680,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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