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Contract

Valve Track

NORTHERN GAS NETWORKS LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03dc72

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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**

Valve Track

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48150000 - Industrial control software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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covered up or built over by the likes of the local authorities or other utility companies during reinstatement or repair works, meaning that they may be difficult to locate should there be an urgent need. This particular equipment provides a solution to enable NGN to monitor assets consistently. This product "Valve Track" is a piece of hardware that is retrofitted into the valve chamber to allow valves and other underground assets to be quickly located in the form of an ATEX approved, IP68 rated, decoded Bluetooth beacon connected to a cloud-based platform. This equipment is proprietary to the supplying organisation and is subsequently unavailable elsewhere. The contract includes the long term provision of monitoring services, software and support.

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 works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The equipment to be provided is proprietary to the supplying organisation and is therefore not available elsewhere. This is supported by regulation 50 which states (1) Utilities may use the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition in the following cases- (c) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons- (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons & (iii), where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement;

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

19 October 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Gas Networks Limited

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