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Planning

Request for Information: Enterprise Networks, Telephony and Low Earth Orbit Capabilities

NATIONAL GAS TRANSMISSION PLC

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Scope

Description

National Gas Transmission owns and operates Britain's National Transmission System (NTS) for gas. This complex matrix of pipelines transports gas from its points of entry to power stations, industrial plants, storage facilities and to the local Gas Distribution Networks that take gas into homes and businesses, as well as overseas via interconnectors. The NTS comprises around 5,000 miles of pipeline, more than 60 compressors at 21 compressor stations and more than 500 above-ground installations. It enables us to ensure security of supply by transporting gas to wherever it's needed, safely and reliably. Every year, the National Transmission System (NTS) for gas quietly and efficiently delivers up to three times the energy transported by the electricity grid.

National Gas Transmission is looking to the future by developing the hydrogen transmission system of tomorrow - building the capability and flexibility required for a clean energy future. Our gas transmission specialists are creating the infrastructure to transport low-carbon hydrogen as a replacement for natural gas, and to transport carbon dioxide for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). By applying our expertise to develop the energy systems of the future, we are proud to play a leading role in delivering the UK's net zero ambitions.

As a growing organisation within the UK we are now looking to review the market capabilities for our enterprise networks, telephony and advancing technologies such as low earth orbit connectivity. National Gas are considering our national strategy for these capabilities and will be using this information to understand what the market can provide in relation to our requirements and future business needs.

Please complete the following survey ideally by Friday 8th August 2025.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 January 2026 to 1 January 2029
- Possible extension to 1 January 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 32412000 Communications network
- 32413000 Integrated network
- 32415000 Ethernet network
- 32416000 ISDN network
- 32417000 Multimedia networks
- 32420000 Network equipment
- 32430000 Wide area network
- 32510000 Wireless telecommunications system

- 32520000 Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32530000 Satellite-related communications equipment
- 32550000 Telephone equipment
- 32570000 Communications equipment
- 50312300 Maintenance and repair of data network equipment
- 50312310 Maintenance of data network equipment
- 50312320 Repair of data network equipment
- 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

• UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 August 2025

Engagement process description

Our aim is to leverage market expertise alongside our internal insights to continue developing our strategy that meets both our operational needs and compliments the market's service capabilities. We believe that the supplier's input in this early dialogue is crucial to the success of this initiative.

We are conducting this RFI exercise via Microsoft Form - Please aim to complete the form (link below) by Friday 8th August although the form will remain open to the 15th August

https://forms.office.com/e/4YpXRCJ00N

If you have any issues with the link please contact

box.procurement@nationalgas.com - with the Reference: Networks RFI Query

Any future opportunities or stages will be launched via Achillies Utilities Vendor Data Base Platform (https://www.achilles.com/uvdb/) UVDB is a community-driven compliant prequalification system designed for regulated utilities in the UK and the wider UK utilities market. It is a collaborative environment where utilities companies and suppliers work together to ensure high standards and compliance with legislative requirements. With an independent chair and equal representation across all utilities, UVDB promotes inclusivity and transparency, making it a trusted platform for both large enterprises and SMEs alike.

Therefore: - If membership costs are prohibitive for your organisations involvement in future opportunities please get in touch with us to discuss - box.procurement@nationalgas.com ref Network RFI Query

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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