

Stage 1 Guidance Notes

Cadent's Mains Replacement Local Delivery Partner – Dynamic Procurement System.

About Cadent

Cadent is a gas distribution company that connects customers to the gas they use – whether its homes, factories, shops or businesses. Cadent is committed to operating gas pipelines in a safe and reliable way with minimum inconvenience to communities. There are eight regional distribution networks, four of which are owned by Cadent. The four owned by Cadent are in the West Midlands, North West, East of England and North London. Gas is owned by your gas supplier and Cadent is responsible for this gas whilst it is being transported. Our UK distribution networks deliver gas to around 11 million consumers. <https://cadentgas.com>

How and why set up a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

Cadent Gas Limited requires Local Delivery Partners (LDPs) to support the delivery of its Gas Mains Replacement Program (MRP) and Non-Mains Replacement Program (Non-MRP) activities as part of our next price control period - RII02.

Currently Cadent replace approximately 1700km of mains per year, in our next price control period it is our intention to let a number of packages of work tendered via the Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) for MRP and Non-MRP activities within Cadent's networks.

The works will comprise of Gas Mains & Services activities on Cadent's Low Pressure (0-75mbar) and Medium Pressure (>75mbar - <=2 Bar) networks, including excavation, backfill and reinstatement including all necessary job completion data and data required for Regulatory Reporting Standards.

Cadent requires appropriately qualified and experienced suppliers to carry out work on its networks, and to this end it is setting up a DPS.

To gain work from Cadent's Mains Replacement LDP DPS there are two stages to the process. This Guidance is for Stage 1 of the process, there is a separate guidance for Stage 2 of the process.

The DPS will be run as completely electronic process and will be set up using a two-stage process in line with Utility Contracts Regulations 2016 (UCR 16).

Joining the DPS is an easy process and will provide a platform for suppliers to compete for LDP projects, including, but not limited to, MRP and Non-MRP works. The scope of these works may range from either one-off projects to small programmes of work. All call off projects will be issued via the Ariba sourcing platform.

Stage 1 of the process involves suppliers joining Cadent's Mains Replacement LDP DPS.

Details of the relevant documentation and further information required to join the DPS is available on Constructionline's website.

Suppliers are required to complete an online questionnaire which is based on based on Publicly Available Specification 91 (PAS 91) standards which were commissioned by Government and developed by the British Standards Institute. The responses to the questionnaire will determine the whether a supplier is successful or not in joining Cadent's Mains Replacement LDP DPS.

Suppliers must ensure that details of their organisation including their status on the various aspects (e.g. insurance etc) is kept up to date to ensure that Cadent invites them to bid. Suppliers will not be able to bid for work if any information that has expired has not been updated. Constructionline will send out notification to suppliers whenever any of the information becomes invalid e.g. insurance recorded on Constructionline's system has lapsed.

If a Suppliers' registration expires during a tender event and the registration is not renewed, Cadent will not be able to award a contract to that supplier. Suppliers are not asked to submit any prices at Stage 1 of the process, prices will be sought at Stage 2, when the precise details of the work will be available to tenderers.

To be eligible to receive opportunities from Cadent suppliers will have to have gained a verified status for the category applicable to the work required at the time of bidding (Stage 2). There will be no limit on the number of suppliers that may join the DPS.

If successful suppliers are not already registered with Ariba they must register so that Cadent can contact relevant suppliers when there is work from Cadent within the remit of the DPS.

A flow chart is provided in the document pack showing the above process.

Only suppliers that meet the above requirements will be eligible for Stage 2 of the process.

Cadent are initially running the DPS for one-year trial period. If there are clear benefits for suppliers and Cadent it will extend the validity period. The period of validity will be determined at the end of the trial period.