

## **Mains Replacement Local Delivery Partner Dynamic Procurement System Frequently Asked Questions**

**Who are 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, East Midlands 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>

**What is a Dynamic Procurement System (DPS)?** The DPS is a two-stage sourcing process which enables contracting authorities to contract for works, goods and services from suppliers who have been verified and approved at the setting up (Stage 1) of the process.

The DPS gives a platform for suppliers to compete for Mains Replacement (MRP) and Non-Main Replacement (Non-MRP) works. These can range from either one-off projects to small programmes of work.

### **Why are Cadent setting up a DPS?**

The Utilities Contract Regulations 2016 (UCR16) permits the use of fully electronic process of procurement through the use DPS. From June 2020 Cadent in conjunction with its Construction Management Organisation (CMO) partners are going to be using a DPS to contract with suppliers for MRP and Non-MRP works. In order to work for Cadent in the future for this category of work suppliers will need to be registered on Cadent's Mains Replacement LDP DPS.

### **Who is Managing the DPS?**

Cadent are using a Constructionline (Procurement and Supply Management Service host company) to carry out the stage 1 assessment of all submitted applications. All interested supplier's are required to submit their applications to Constructionline who will carry out assessment and verification checks.

### **Who are the Construction Management Organisations (CMO)?**

The CMO's have been appointed following a competitive tender exercise to manage the delivery of construction, operational activities and associated services within Cadent's five networks.

### **How does the DPS work?**

Stage 1 – To join the DPS, suppliers will be asked to meet an initial set of selection criteria, based on Publicly Available Specification 91 (PAS 91) standards which was commissioned by Government and developed by the British Standards Institute. On satisfactory completion of the selection criteria the supplier will be admitted onto Cadent's DPS for Minor Gas Works - Pipeline and Assets. Suppliers can join at any time during the validity of the DPS. There will be no limit on the number of suppliers that may join the DPS.

Stage 2 – At the second stage an Invitation to Tender will be issued to relevant suppliers on the DPS, filters will be applied to the DPS to ensure the most suitable suppliers are invited to tender. Filters include, but are not limited to, geographical, value of project, certification (eg. GIRS)

**What do I need to do if I am interested in joining Cadent's DPS for Minor Gas Works - Pipeline and Assets?**

Joining the DPS is a simple process and will give suppliers the opportunity compete for work that is on offer with Cadent. If you are interested, please click the following link to get further details to become one of our valued supplier Cadent DPS.

**Will I have to pay to join Cadent's DPS for Minor Gas Works - Pipeline and Assets?**

No, there is no cost to register with Constructionline and complete the online questionnaire.

**Will I have to pay to register on to the Ariba System?**

No, it is free to register on the Ariba System.

**How long will the Cadent's DPS run for?**

The DPS has been operating successfully since April 2020 and we anticipate it remaining in use throughout the RIIO3 period.

**How do I apply to go on to Cadent's DPS for Minor Gas Works - Pipeline and Assets?**

Suppliers must submit their application electronically as indicated on Constructionline web page Cadent's DPS by the closing date and time date and time indicated for the initial setting up of the DPS. You will be sent acknowledgement e-mail of your application by Constructionline. However, as soon as Cadent advertise their first opportunity for work the DPS will be open again for new applications for the validity period of the DPS.

**If my application fails at Stage 1 of the process, can I apply again?**

Rejected suppliers are provided with feedback in order to enable them to re-apply at a later date should they wish to do so. Suppliers can re-apply at any time during the validity of the DPS.

**What happens if my organisation's selection criteria changes or expires?**

Your organisation will not be eligible to be selected to bid for work until it updates it's details with Constructionline e.g. if your insurance has lapsed, until you have renewed your insurance and updated the information with Constructionline.

**How will I know I my application has been successful?**

Suppliers will be sent e-mail by Constructionline of the outcome.

### **How do I get further information on Cadent's DPS for Minor Gas Works - Pipeline and Assets?**

On the Constructionline's landing page Cadent's DPS please double click on the required document to download it. Only the information contained within these documents, or otherwise communicated in writing to suppliers when applying to join Cadent's DPS should be considered by suppliers when making their application. Should there be any confusion as to the meaning of anything within any of these documents, you should obtain written clarification prior to the submission of your application. If required, documentation will be amended and all suppliers will be informed of any points of clarification and additional information provided as a result of a clarification request. No reasonable and relevant request for additional information will be refused.

### **When do I submit my proposal for works including my prices for Minor Gas Works?**

Suppliers are asked to submit their proposal and their prices at Stage 2 of the process. At this stage suppliers will be issued with the precise details of the work in order to submit their proposal and prices.

To be eligible to receive opportunities from Cadent you must have verified status for the category applicable to the work required at the time of placing your bid.

### **Is Cadent going to limit the number of suppliers on its DPS?**

No, there will be no limit on the number of suppliers that go on to Cadent's DPS for Minor Gas Works – Pipeline and Assets.