District heating offers the promise of a neat solution for the supply of low-carbon heat to homes, businesses and public buildings.

It’s all about taking energy released as heat from a varied range of energy sources, and connecting to energy consumers through a system of highly insulated pipes.

By using low carbon fuels consumers could potentially meet nearly half of UK heat demand. This approach to heat also brings carbon reduction, benefits to the local economy, and reduced fuel bills for end users.

The HELGA agreement is simple and flexible to use and designed to allow you to tailor a solution to meet your individual needs.

To support you putting a contract in place all you need to do is follow these easy steps:

1) Access as a buyer by registering on HELGA DPS by visiting https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps/utilitiesandfuels

2) Create your project supplier list using the DPS filter options:
   A. Service 2: Delivery Services > Heat > Heat Network
   B. Project Location
   C. Project value

3) Export your list of suppliers

4) Develop your Call for Competition pack –
   • State the competition is being run through RM3824 Heat Networks and Electricity Generation Assets agreement
   • Specification / Scope of requirement
   • Timetable of events (including critical deadlines i.e. Tender response deadline)
   • Set evaluation criteria and associated weightings
   • Include relevant documents eg. T&Cs (if you wish to use your own rather than suppliers)
   • Performance measures / KPI’s you may wish to include
   • Payment options (monthly in arrears, quarterly, annually)
   • Length of contract (number of years and review points)

5) Invite all exported suppliers to your Call for Competition via an e-sourcing platform

6) Evaluate supplier responses

7) Award

8) Commence contract

If you need any further support or assistance please contact us via info@crowncommercial.gov.uk