

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Burns & McDonnell Awarded £14 Million National Grid Substations Contract**

BIRMINGHAM, England — National Grid has awarded engineering-led construction firm Burns & McDonnell a £14 million engineer-procure-construct (EPC) contract for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of a 400-kV GIS substation. The two-year project, located in Yaxley, Suffolk, will facilitate the connection of a newly constructed, gas-fired electricity generating plant by Progress Power.

This is the first major EPC contract win for Burns & McDonnell in the U.K., cementing its leading market position and rapid growth since it established its European presence in [Birmingham](#) in 2017.

Burns & McDonnell was selected to be part of National Grid's new [RIIO T2 EPC Construction Framework for Substations](#) in February 2021. The framework, which will last a minimum of five years, is supporting National Grid's investment in the U.K.'s electricity transmission infrastructure as part of the country's transition to net zero. This investment will see that the grid is prepared for greater adoption of electric vehicles and the connection of significantly more renewable energy sources, including offshore wind as part of the government's "Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution" and recently published "Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener."

The firm has also been awarded two further projects under the National Grid [RIIO T2 Mechanical and Electrical Installation Framework](#), a second framework awarded to Burns & McDonnell earlier this year. These projects will involve critical asset replacements at substation sites in inner London and Dartford, Kent.

Jonathan Chapman, U.K. Managing Director, Burns & McDonnell, said:

"This is a significant moment for Burns & McDonnell as we establish a leading position in the U.K. energy market. The project in Yaxley is a critical component in National Grid's strategic framework for ensuring this country's electrical infrastructure is prepared for the energy transition and meeting the government's 2035 net zero transmission system commitment. Burns & McDonnell is hugely proud to be playing a part in that mission.

"When we were looking for a location outside of the U.S. to invest, we could see the U.K. offered a leading edge, particularly in its vision for a low-carbon future. We're now seeing this come to fruition.

“Being selected from a strong field to deliver this project is testament to the hard work and experience of our fantastic team. We’re all looking forward to working hand-in-hand with National Grid to see the project delivered.”

Burns & McDonnell has been operating in the U.S. for over 120 years, and since launching in the U.K. has more than tripled the size of its team. It established a new business practice focusing on mission-critical projects in 2020 and opened an [office in London](#) in 2021.

The business works extensively with National Grid in the U.S., where the engineering firm is headquartered. This new project cements that relationship in the U.K. and makes Burns & McDonnell a true global partner to National Grid.

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About Burns & McDonnell

Burns & McDonnell is a private, employee-owned engineering, design and construction firm with 7,600 professionals located in offices throughout the world. We strive to create amazing success for our clients and amazing careers for our employees.

We develop solutions through creating passionate partnerships, placing client service front and centre, understanding clients’ needs and striving to make them successful. Our employee ownership culture means that our success is closely aligned to our clients’ success. We are bold in how we develop solutions and challenge the norm, drawing from the whole company to find answers to some of the toughest questions. We work on some of the world’s most crucial infrastructure projects, delivering completely integrated service from concept to completion.

In 2017, Burns & McDonnell opened the U.K. office in Birmingham. With more than 120 years of experience designing and building infrastructure throughout the world, Burns & McDonnell is now taking forward a long-term investment plan in the U.K.

With the U.K. energy market undergoing a transformation, our focus is on providing a differentiated service across technical consultancy, engineering services and project delivery as the U.K. adapts to a low-carbon future underpinned by smart technologies.