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Planning

Class 153 Rail Vehicle Provision & Supporting Services

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

This is not a joint procurement exercise.

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Infrastructure Maintenance and Construction

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Class 153 Rail Vehicle Provision & Supporting Services

Reference number

Project 38830

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71631470 - Railway-track inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Soft Market Testing for the supply of the following services relating to the use of Class 153 rail vehicles for infrastructure monitoring purposes in the form of Visual Inspection Units (VIUs) and Plain Line Pattern Recognition (PLPR) units.

- 1) Class 153 Unit Provision (Lease or other)
- 2) Class 153 Unit Conversion (from passenger vehicle to infrastructure monitoring train)
- 3) Class 153 Maintenance and Overhaul
- 4) Class 153 Planning & Operation (including stabling and fuelling)
- 5) Class 153 On Board Technology Provision for VIU and PLPR Services (including Licenses)
- 6) Class 153 On Board Technology Service Support
- 7) Data processing/handling services

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72222200 - Information systems or technology planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

TBC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Dear Prospective Respondents,

Network Rail currently leases 5 Class 153 rail vehicles which have been modified with automated Plain Line Pattern Recognition systems (2 vehicles) and Visual Inspection Equipment (3 vehicles). These are used to monitor track condition to assist in maintenance and are currently part of the Network Rail Infrastructure Monitoring Fleet.

To help inform any future procurements to maintain the services these vehicles provide, Network Rail kindly requests via this soft market testing (SMT) exercise that capable organisations express interest to Tom.Hedges@networkrail.co.uk by 05/02/2023 should they be interested in taking part in future procurement activity to support the Class 153s. Please indicate which of the services below you are expressing interest in when replying to this PIN.

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Kind Regards

Network Rail

II.2.14) Additional information

N/A

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 June 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No