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Tender

Design, Removal, and Re-Livery of Locomotives

Direct Rail Services Limited

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Scope

Reference

C29087

Description

Design, removal and re-livery of Locomotives

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Total value (estimated)

- £420,000 excluding VAT
- £504,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 1 February 2030
- 3 years, 11 months

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 50221000 - Repair and maintenance services of locomotives

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 January 2026, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 February 2026, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

28 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
CO01/CO02	90% Removal of existing livery, design of replacement livery, production & installation per locomotive 10% Corrosion and bodywork management cost of Operative	Cost	40.00%
TECH02	Please describe how you will manage the contract from resource management and capacity planning to deliver the three-year livery programme and its requirements as detailed in Schedule 1 - Specification Document.	Quality	15.00%
TECH03	Please provide a detailed three-year plan outlining the key phases of mobilisation and re-livery based on the programme schedule included in Schedule 1 - Specification Document.	Quality	15.00%
QA01	Please describe the quality assurance and control measures you will implement to ensure all livery works meet the standards and specifications outlined in Schedule 1 - Specification Document.	Quality	15.00%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
HSE01	Please describe and evidence your Health, Safety & Enviromental management approach for this contract.	Quality	15.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Direct Rail Services Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBj-7645-CMHD

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government