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Award

Supply of services related to the Ticket Vending Machines

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of services related to the Ticket Vending Machines

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50220000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to railways and other equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of support and maintenance of Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) at locations across the Northern Trains operating network.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of the procurement will include, but not be limited to, the inspection, servicing, repair, refurbishment, and performance testing of TVMs to ensure continued compliance with safety and operational standards. This may also include the supply of replacement components, technical support services and equipment upgrades.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Award a contract directly as this approach is allowed under the UCR's where restrictions on the use of IPR do not trigger a requirement to conduct a new OJEU-compliant tender process.

We believe in this circumstance the following is applicable:

There are grounds where NTL as public body could modify a contract with a third party

using the exemptions in Regulation 88 of the UCR. This exemption is provided for under the following UCR Regulation:

88.-(1) Contracts and framework agreements may be modified without a new procurement procedure in accordance with these Regulations based on the following:

(b) for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor, irrespective of their value, that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement where a change of contractor:

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, software, services or installations procured under the initial procurement; and

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the utility.

The absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 December 2025

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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