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## **Track Bed Investigation Framework re-tender**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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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 is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Track Bed Investigation Framework re-tender

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79311100 - Survey design services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail currently has a national Framework Agreement for the provision of Track Bed Investigations for the design and specification of the trackbed for renewals. The site works and services include standard and deep track bed investigations and associated works and reporting. We will shortly be re-tendering for the new Framework Agreement and would like to understand interest in this opportunity in the supply market. We would also like to engage initially with some interested suppliers to help us to build an understanding of the various capabilities and options that may be available to us before we commence this tender. If this would be of interest to you then please could you confirm your interest in writing by email to [philip.hunt@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:philip.hunt@networkrail.co.uk) by close of business on Friday 16th February 2024.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 50225000 - Railway-track maintenance services
- 71631470 - Railway-track inspection services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The specification for the current Track Bed Investigation Framework covers the following track bed investigation and associated works, and site & factual reporting which are provided on a national basis:

Standard Track Bed Investigation:

- Determining the condition of the existing track bed and sub-grade
- Assessing the condition of the existing lineside drainage.
- Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) to determine the soil structural properties.
- Trial trenches to determine drainage paths and lateral variation of track bed materials.
- Categorising of Spent Ballast for disposal
- Measuring structural constraints (clearances) to support the construction phase and compliance with COM Regulations 2015 (Design Risk Register) to determine construction risks and mitigations.

Deep Track Bed Investigation

- Deeper window sampling and Standard Penetration Test (SPT) using heavy probing techniques for investigating Track Bed Stabilisation sites.

Additional Works and Other Investigation Techniques

- Stiffness Measurement surveys using Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD), and Light Weight Deflectometer (LWD).
- Drainage level surveys/topographical surveys to support the design track of drainage systems.
- Concrete coring of slab track or other associated foundations
- Material testing
- Rail and sleeper deflection monitoring using cameras, Geophones or similar.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

17 April 2024

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## **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: Yes