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Tender

## **Rail Replacement Bus Services - Planned and Unplanned**

Govia Thameslink Railway Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://gtrainway.com>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://gtrainway.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://gtrainway.com/>

**I.6) Main activity**

Railway services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Rail Replacement Bus Services - Planned and Unplanned

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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Tender Programme (forecasted)

Expression of Interests Returned: 7th March 2022

Tender Issue: by 8th March 2022

Tender Returns: by 8th April 2022

Clarifications / Assessment Complete: by April 2022

Contract Notification: by May 2022

Contract Award: by May 2022

The above tender period is estimated and may be subject to change at GTR's discretion.

Those submitting tenders will be required to resource accordingly to meet the required tender return date.

Mobilisation

Expected to complete 3 month mobilisation period, including TUPE requirements and it is therefore an aspiration that the new contract would go live in August/September 2022.

Expression of Interest Response:

The supplier is requested to confirm their ability to meet the above requirements.

All other competency requirements to award a contract will be identified with the tender enquiry document.

The proposed contract will be on GTR (The Go-Ahead Group's) model terms and conditions for supply of services.

Mandatory terms and service levels will be included within the tender package aligned to the programme.

Suppliers expressing an interest to the EOI is acceptance to contracting on the GTR model terms

Please send returns to:

[honey.zaheer@gtrailway.com](mailto:honey.zaheer@gtrailway.com)

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Planned Rail Replacement Bus Service

Lot No

1

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

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Unplanned Rail Replacement Bus Service

Lot No

2

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

7 March 2022

Local time

10:00am

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

8 March 2022

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Go Ahead Group

Newcastle

Country

United Kingdom