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Contract

Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service for Network Rail's Eastern Region to be based at Newark Northgate Sidings.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The framework's pricing document provides a fixed price for the service. The service is instructed via purchase orders for the duration required.

This framework is awarded to one supplier only so there is no selection process for the instruction of services.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Contract 1. Provision and Operation of a "Thunderbird" Recovery and Incident Response Service for the Eastern Region

Supplier

- Colas Rail Ltd

Contract value

- £8,920,562 excluding VAT
- £10,704,674.40 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

24 December 2025

Contract dates

- 8 January 2026 to 8 January 2029
- Possible extension to 8 January 2032
- 6 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

One option to extend for a further 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Signed contract documents

[Redacted ecm_46693.pdf](#)

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Supplier

Colas Rail Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDMR-7893-JWHQ

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government