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## **DfI TRAM T-1151 Interim Surfacing Framework**

Department for Infrastructure

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department for Infrastructure

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### **Contact**

DfI TRAM Procurement Branch

### **Email**

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## **Country**

United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DfI TRAM T-1151 Interim Surfacing Framework

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

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

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

Works

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

Value excluding VAT: £95,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
7

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

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

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

ISF P1 (Projects Lot)

Lot No

1

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £16,500,000

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

Duration in months

27

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration is 27 months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

ISF S4 (Banbridge and Craigavon)

Lot No

2

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

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

NUTS codes

- UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

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

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £19,200,000

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

Duration in months

22

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration is 25 months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the

discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

ISF S3 (Armagh)

Lot No

3

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

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

NUTS codes

- UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £13,200,000

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

Duration in months

15

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration is 15 months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the

discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

ISF W7 (Fermanagh)



Lot No

4

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0G - Fermanagh and Omagh

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

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

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,800,000

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

Duration in months

22

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration is 22 months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the

discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

ISF S5 (Ards and North Down)

Lot No

5

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

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

NUTS codes

- UKN09 - Ards and North Down

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

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

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £14,800,000

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

Duration in months

22

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration is 22 Months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the

discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

ISF W6 (Derry)

Lot No

6

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

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

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

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

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

Duration in months

15

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial duration is 15 months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the

discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

ISF W4 (Strabane)

Lot No

7

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

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

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

RAM Interim Surfacing Framework will include the following work activities: laying various types of asphalt surfacing by mechanical means and by hand; reshaping of carriageways; adjustment of street furniture to new levels; adjustment/provision of kerblines; adjustment/provision of carriageway drainage systems; Temporary Traffic Management; road marking/studs; and other associated ancillary works. The Framework will comprise of six area Lots (Works Orders valued £50k to £750k) and a Project Lot (projects valued £750k to £5m) covering the following areas: - ISF W4 - Strabane; - ISF S3 - Armagh; - ISF W6 - Derry; - ISF S4 - Banbridge and Craigavon; - ISF W7 - Fermanagh; and - ISF S5 - Ards and North Down.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,500,000

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

Duration in months

15

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

## Description of renewals

Initial duration is 15 months, there is an option to extend this contract up to a maximum of 3 months at the

discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

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

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 50

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

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

Originally published as:

Date

16 April 2025

Local time

3:00pm

Changed to:

Date

28 May 2025

Local time



3:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 14 August 2025

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 April 2025

Local time

3:30pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### VI.3) Additional information

In March 2023, the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) published the Procurement Enhancement Programme procurement strategy, developed to provide an efficient and value for money procurement route for the delivery of road asset maintenance across Northern Ireland. A key output of this strategy is the introduction of a suite of eleven Road Asset Management (RAM) Frameworks covering all roads maintenance and improvement works valued at up to £5 million..

----- . Four Surfacing Frameworks (A, B, C and D) have been developed by DfI to ensure the effective, efficient, and reliable delivery of road surfacing schemes across the Northern Ireland public road network. Each framework will last four years, covering surfacing requirements across a specified set of geographical areas and provide an opportunity for suppliers that have the capacity and appetite to deliver all types of surfacing schemes valued from £50k up to £5m. Each Framework will be divided into Lots in accordance with Regulation 46 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. This arrangement has been adopted in order to ensure security of service delivery, preserve competition and encourage participation by SMEs. One surfacing framework is expected to be released every year. There will be restrictions on the number of Lots that an individual supplier can be awarded, both within and across the surfacing frameworks, full details of which will be set out in the procurement documents. The tender period for Surfacing Framework A ended on 11 February 2025 with award expected in April 2025.

----- . During the transition period between the Interim Term Contracts for Asphalt Resurfacing (ITCAR) and the four surfacing frameworks (A, B, C and D) there is a requirement for an Interim Surfacing Framework (this competition) to facilitate asphalt resurfacing works across six MTC Contract Areas. Under the Interim Surfacing Framework (this procurement), there are a total of seven Lots. There is one Lot (Lot 1) covering all surfacing schemes valued from £750k to £5m across the geographical area covered by the Framework. Multiple suppliers will be appointed to this Lot. The term of the Framework including Lot 1 is 27 months. Call-Off Contracts awarded under Lot 1 are intended to be awarded following mini-competitions. There are six Lots (Lots 2 to 7) each covering all surfacing schemes valued from £50k to £750k which are to be delivered within a defined geographical area. There will be varying contract durations of 15 months and 22 months for Lots 2 to 7 (refer to IFT-Part B). It is intended that a Primary Supplier will be appointed to each of Lots 2 to 7 and following Framework award the Primary Supplier will be awarded a Measured Term Contract (MTC) Call-Off Contract. Subject to performance, it is intended that all Works Orders for schemes

valued from £50k to £750k within the Lot contract area will be placed with the Primary Supplier via the MTC Call-Off Contract. For each of Lots 2 to 7, a Reserve Supplier will also be appointed to provide delivery resilience, in line with procedures set out in the Framework.

----- Suppliers that are interested in this Surfacing Framework will be required to tender for Lot 1 and at least one of Lots 2 to 7. The number of MTC Lots a single Economic Operator may be awarded under this Framework shall not exceed: (i) Primary Supplier – two MTC Lots out of six and (ii) Primary and Reserve Supplier (Combined) - five MTC Lots out of six. -----

----- Further information on DfI's Procurement Enhancement Programme and Road Asset Management Frameworks can be found in the document titled RAM FRAMEWORKS - PROCUREMENT ESSENTIALS at the following link:  
<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/departments-infrastructure-roads-works-and-maintenance-procurement-enhancement-programme>.

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

DfI will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.