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## **Scotland's Railway - Scotland's Lineside (Vegetation & Boundary Management) Framework**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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**I.6) Main activity**

Railway services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Scotland's Railway - Scotland's Lineside (Vegetation & Boundary Management) Framework

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

Services

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

Scotland's Railway is running a procurement event for the Scotland Lineside Framework (SLF) which will deliver lineside de-vegetation and boundary works across Scotland's railway for 4 years with the option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1) with a maximum spend of £227m across the life of the Framework. There are 7 Lots with opportunities for a maximum of 15 Contractors. Lots 1-3 (3 Contractors) include a minimum spend commitment of £3million per contractor per annum across the 4-year term. Lots 4-7 (Up to 12 Contractors) has no spend commitment.

Lots 1-3 Includes Tree and Vegetation Management (Clearance & Maintenance) plus Boundary Renewals. Split into three geographically; West, Central & East with each tenderer only able to win one LOT and acting as the Principal Contractor with the proviso that Network Rail have the option to relax the rule of one contractor per LOT 1-3, if we fail to receive the relevant standard of tenders to meet this requirement.

Lots 4-7 will be split geographically into the four Delivery Unit boundaries with a minimum of three Lineside Contractors per geographical area. Maximum of two geographical areas per supplier.

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

Value excluding VAT: £227,000,000

#### **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**

Lot 1 - West

Lot No

1

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Includes Tree and Vegetation Management (Clearance & Maintenance) plus Boundary Renewals across the West of Scotland with an indicative work of £50.1m in Lot 1 as set out in document A2 instructions.

### **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: £50,100,000

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

### **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**

Lot 2 - Central

Lot No

2

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Includes Tree and Vegetation Management (Clearance & Maintenance) plus Boundary Renewals across Central Scotland with an indicative workbank of £46.2m in Lot 2 as set out in document A2 instructions.

### **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: £46,200,000

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

### **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**

Lot 3 - East

Lot No

3

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Includes Tree and Vegetation Management (Clearance & Maintenance) plus Boundary Renewals across the East of Scotland with an indicative work of £69.8m in Lot 3 as set out in document A2 instructions.

### **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: £69,800,000

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

### **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**

Lot 4 - Glasgow

Lot No

Lot 4

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 4 will cover the Glasgow Delivery Unit boundary area and be delivered by a minimum of three Lineside Contractors. Works will include signal sighting clearance, DDD treatments, LC sighting clearance etc. Suppliers may be specialists in tree removal work, cyclical maintenance, or fencing, or a combination of more than one. The indicative framework spend is estimated to be £10.05m for Lot 4 as set out in document A2 instructions.

### **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: £10,000,500

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

#### **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**

Lot 5 - Motherwell

Lot No

5

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 5 will cover the Motherwell Delivery Unit boundary area and be delivered by a

minimum of three Lineside Contractors. Works will include signal sighting clearance, DDD treatments, LC sighting clearance etc. Suppliers may be specialists in tree removal work, cyclical maintenance, or fencing, or a combination of more than one. The indicative framework spend is estimated to be £10.05m for Lot 5 as set out in document A2 instructions.

#### **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: £10,000,500

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

#### **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**

Lot 6 - Edinburgh

Lot No

6

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 6 will cover the Edinburgh Delivery Unit boundary area and be delivered by a minimum of three Lineside Contractors. Works will include signal sighting clearance, DDD treatments, LC sighting clearance etc. Suppliers may be specialists in tree removal work, cyclical maintenance, or fencing, or a combination of more than one. The indicative framework spend is estimated to be £10.05m for Lot 6 as set out in document A2 instructions.

**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: £10,000,500

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

### **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**

Lot 7 - Perth

Lot No

7

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

- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 7 will cover the Perth Delivery Unit boundary area and be delivered by a minimum of three Lineside Contractors. Works will include signal sighting clearance, DDD treatments, LC sighting clearance etc. Suppliers may be specialists in tree removal work, cyclical maintenance, or fencing, or a combination of more than one. The indicative framework spend is estimated to be £10.05m for Lot 7 as set out in document A2 instructions.

### **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: £10,000,500

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

Duration in months

48

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by 3 years (1+1+1)

**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**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **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

#### **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**

Date

21 April 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

2 June 2025

#### **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**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Court of Session

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom