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Planning

New Entrant Apprenticeship Level 3

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.networkrail.co.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Railway Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

New Entrant Apprenticeship Level 3

Reference number

Bravo project number: project_24458

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail is reviewing the delivery of its apprenticeship programmes, including the technical skills training for the Level 3 Rail Engineering apprenticeships. Our vision is to be the first-choice employer for anyone wishing to be an engineer.

The purpose of this prior information notice is to understand the readiness of the marketplace to deliver Rail Engineering apprenticeships aligned with the apprenticeship standards and Network Rail competencies

Network Rail are endeavouring to collect valuable market feedback which seeks to inform the procurement decision-making process - e.g. a review of market feedback, assessment of options, and the selection of a preferred route to market.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £35,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311230 - Railway engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Network Rail is currently delivering technical skills trainings centrally. In line with the recent regionalisation of the railways, Network Rail is also moving to a regional delivery model for technical Skills training apprenticeships.

The five regions of Network Rail are:

- Eastern Region
- North West & Central
- Scotland's Railway
- Southern
- Wales & Western

The five technical disciplines of apprenticeships to be trained are: -

- Track
- Signalling
- Overhead Lines (OHL)
- Telecoms
- Distribution & Plant (D&P)

To deliver these technical disciplines, we are undertaking market research to find providers which meet the associated Rail Technician competency requirements. We are seeking providers which have the capability of delivering these programmes to the highest quality whilst providing value-for-money. The programmes are for the apprenticeship Levels 3. It is essential that throughout the delivery of the training content, railway context is provided with relevant examples of application to the industry, or the delivery of courses by a trainer with railway courses who can provide practical contexts gained from experience to the theoretical content.

II.2.14) Additional information

www.networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 August 2021

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NR is running a pre-procurement market engagement activity in the form of an online survey. Organisations wishing to express interest should do so by completing the survey via the following link by the 23/04/2021, however this PIN will remain open for 30 days:

<https://eu.questionpro.com/t/AB3uswoZB3vBn5>