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Planning

ScotRail Franchise Replacement (Regulation 1370/2007)

The Scottish Ministers

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00099

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ScotRail Franchise Replacement (Regulation 1370/2007)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

T-01 Rail transport services

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60210000 - Public transport services by railways
- 34620000 - Rolling stock
- 34622200 - Railway passenger coaches
- 34622400 - Railway carriages
- 45234112 - Railway depot construction work
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

After expiry of the current ScotRail Franchise Agreement between The Scottish Ministers and Abellio ScotRail Limited (FA) (due to expire as of 31 March 2022), Transport Scotland, on behalf of The Scottish Ministers, intends to entrust the provision of ScotRail Passenger Services to a company owned and controlled by The Scottish Ministers, and directly award a Public Service Contract in that regard under and in terms of Article 5(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road as amended (retained EU Law).

More information can be found on Transport Scotland's website:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/rail/scotrail-franchise/>

As an alternative to the above and depending on the circumstances, Transport Scotland, on behalf of The Scottish Ministers may wish to make a direct award of a Public Service Contract for the provision of ScotRail Passenger Services under and in terms of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 as successor to the FA.

The Scottish Ministers may put in place a holding company structure in support of the proposed arrangements.

The contract award is expected to cover rail passenger services of substantially the same scope as the current ScotRail Franchise.

Term of Award

The Scottish Ministers may require to put a Public Service Contract in place for up to 10 years. At present the envisaged direct award will be for a period of 3 to 5 years with any optional additional period or periods exercisable at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 March 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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As set out in this PIN, a direct award of a Public Service Contract for the provision of ScotRail Passenger Services would follow on from the expiry of the FA. In the event that the FA is extended by up to 7 (monthly) Reporting Periods, in accordance with its terms, the envisaged start date of the Public Service Contract would be extended by up to the same period.

Transport Scotland, on behalf of The Scottish Ministers, also reserves the right to procure delivery of ScotRail Passenger Services through alternative means (including under Regulation 1370/2007).

Envisaged start date and the duration of the contract:-

Start: 1st April 2022

Duration in months: 120

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