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Contract

45,000,000

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

45,000,000

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71631470 - Railway-track inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail has awarded national Framework Agreements for the provision of Track Bed Investigations for England & Wales, and for Scotland.

The framework scope includes standard and deep track bed investigations, concrete coring and various drainage surveys, which are used for the design and specification of the trackbed for track renewals.

The framework is specific to the Engineering Services Design Delivery function in Network Rail. The workbank comes from client teams in the Network Rail regions who will call-off from the framework when track bed investigations are required.

Due to the work-related nature of these activities, the framework terms & conditions are based on the NR29 Framework Contract for Network Rail Amended NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Contract.

The framework will run for an initial period of five years, and Network Rail will have the option to extend for two further one-year periods, providing the flexibility for a five, six or seven year framework duration.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £45,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Track Bed Investigation Framework - England & Wales

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71631470 - Railway-track inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Railway track sites in England & Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The specification for the Track Bed Investigation Framework covers the following track bed investigation and associated works, and site & factual reporting which are to be provided for track sites in England & Wales:

Standard Track Bed Investigation:

- Determining the condition of the existing track bed and sub-grade
- Assessing the condition of the existing lineside drainage.
- Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) to determine the soil structural properties.
- Trial trenches to determine drainage paths and lateral variation of track bed materials.
- Categorising of Spent Ballast for disposal
- Measuring structural constraints (clearances) to support the construction phase and compliance with COM Regulations 2015 (Design Risk Register) to determine construction risks and mitigations.

Deep Track Bed Investigation

- Deeper window sampling and Standard Penetration Test (SPT) using heavy probing techniques for investigating Track Bed Stabilisation sites.

Additional Works and Other Investigation Techniques

- Stiffness Measurement surveys using Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD), and Light Weight Deflectometer (LWD).
- Drainage level surveys/topographical surveys to support the design track of drainage systems.
- Concrete coring of slab track or other associated foundations
- Material testing
- Rail and sleeper deflection monitoring using cameras, Geophones or similar.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Track Bed Investigation Framework - Scotland's Railway

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71631470 - Railway-track inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Railway track sites in Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The specification for the Track Bed Investigation Framework covers the following track bed investigation and associated works, and site & factual reporting which are provided in Scotland:

Standard Track Bed Investigation:

- Determining the condition of the existing track bed and sub-grade

- Assessing the condition of the existing lineside drainage.
- Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) to determine the soil structural properties.
- Trial trenches to determine drainage paths and lateral variation of track bed materials.
- Categorising of Spent Ballast for disposal
- Measuring structural constraints (clearances) to support the construction phase and compliance with COM Regulations 2015 (Design Risk Register) to determine construction risks and mitigations.

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- Rail and sleeper deflection monitoring using cameras, Geophones or similar.

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Price

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

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ecm_48952

Lot No

1

Title

TBI NR29 NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Framework Contract - Lot 1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 October 2025

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ecm_48953

Lot No

2

Title

TBI NR29 NEC4 Engineering and Construction Short Framework Contract - Lot 2

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 October 2025

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom