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# Ambient ready meals for on board catering

**XC TRAINS LIMITED** 

F02: Contract notice

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

### I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

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://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

**Train Operator** 

### I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Rail Transport

# **Section II: Object**

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Ambient ready meals for on board catering

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 15894200 - Prepared meals

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

XC Trains Limited (XC) will be conducting a private tender for the purchase of ambient ready meals for the on-board catering offering.

Due to limited space available on-board and limited equipment, XC is looking to introduce an ambient meal for First Class with the view to extend for retail in the future.

Suppliers are required to abide to all relevant UK food standards.

Deliveries need to be made to the following stations: Birmingham New Street, Bristol and Reading.

XC will seek pricing for the following:

- a smaller ambient meal in the style of a starter/tapas the meal should not require refrigeration or heating before serving with a shelf life higher than 3 months.
- a more substantial option such as a ready meal. This meal may be heated in the onboard microwave. It should require minimal preparation (no decanting of products) and able to be stored at ambient temperature in a self-contained packaging that can be used to serve customers.
- a vegan option will be required for both types of meals

The packaging is required to be at least 85% recyclable.

Please register your interest and inform George Petre by 5PM on 23/04/2023

#### george.petre@crosscountrytrains.co.uk

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.2) Description

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

• 15894200 - Prepared meals

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

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#### 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: £2,100,000

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

Duration in months

36

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: No

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

#### III.1) Conditions for participation

# III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

The meals need to conform to UK food laws such as:

The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013,

The Food Safety Act 1990,

The General Food Regulations 2004,

The Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006,

The Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006,

The Food Information Regulations 2014 and The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019.

You will also need to comply with Regulation (EU) 1169/2011, Regulation (EC) 852/2004, Regulation (EC) 2073/2005 and Regulation 853/2004 (if applicable).

Please note this is not an exhaustive list and there may be other food legislation that will need to be complied with.

The bidder is required to have the ability to accommodate up to 500,000 meals per year.

The bidder is required to have the ability to deliver across the United Kingdom, including but not limited to the following: Edinburgh, Birmingham, Plymouth, Reading.

# Section IV. Procedure

## **IV.1) Description**

### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

# IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

23 April 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

# **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

**XC Trains Limited** 

Birmingham

Country

**United Kingdom**