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Planning

## **Aerial Survey of the UK Rail Network - LiDAR ( Light Detection and Ranging) and Aerial Photography**

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Network Rail require an Aerial Survey of the UK rail network, principally consisting of LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and RGB (Red, Green and Blue) data capture.

There is a desire to capture this data in the winter 2027/28 season (November 2027 to March 2028) and process it rapidly for the purposes of delivering Earthwork Asset condition information.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 May 2027 to 30 April 2028
- Possible extension to 30 April 2029
- 2 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79961200 - Aerial photography services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

31 May 2026

### **Engagement process description**

Network Rail is inviting all interested parties to express their interest in this 'Pre-Market Engagement exercise' - Please email [marcus.pendlebury@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:marcus.pendlebury@networkrail.co.uk) with the subject heading "NR National Aerial Survey".

Once interest has been logged, Network Rail will send a Market Engagement Questionnaire along with a background information document. We request that the questionnaire is completed by Monday 2nd March 2026 at 17:00 hours, so please register your interest as soon as possible.

A follow-up market engagement session may be held with all suppliers, or individual clarification questions sought in response to the questionnaire.

Please also register as a supplier on our Procurement portal at <https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/> if you haven't done so already.

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## Submission

### Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 June 2026

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## Procedure

## Special regime

Utilities

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## Contracting authority

### NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government