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Tender

IT Architecture Services

DFT OPERATOR LIMITED

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Scope

Description

DFTO requires expert IT architecture services (professional services) to work at both group and operator level to assist in the development of a comprehensive systems strategy, roadmap, standards and compliance framework.

This initiative aims to optimise our systems and technology landscape, align with business objectives, and establish consistent standards across our infrastructure. DFTO is in a growth phase for the next 2 years, whereby the governments nationalisation policy will see further DfT Train Operating Companies move under its control. Given DFTO's evolving scale and scope, it is proposed that this service will be procured on a time and materials basis with pre-defined rates.

DFTO proposes to enter into one contract with the successful Tenderer for a period of two (2) years.

DFTO gives no guarantee and accepts no liability for the volume of the Services which may be ordered by DFTO from the Supplier however the total chargeable costs required to perform the services shall be capped at a maximum of £175k (excluding VAT).

The contract may be novated or assigned by DFTO to Train Operating Companies, or any successor parent company to a Train Operating Company, following a corporate

restructuring or similar circumstance.

The meaning of Train Operating Companies includes all and any of those train operating companies who, currently or in the future, provide services for the carriage of passengers by railway:

- a) under a franchise agreement with the Secretary of State within the meaning of section 23(3) of the Railways Act 1993 or
- b) under, or secured under, the Secretary of State's duty in section 30(1) of the Railways Act 1993; or
- c) in accordance with legislation which supersedes or amends the powers referred to in a) and b), including where such powers are transferred from the Secretary of State to another body.

The list of current providers of services for the carriage of passengers by railway under these provisions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-register-of-rail-passenger-contracts>.

Total value (estimated)

- £175,000 excluding VAT
- £210,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 May 2025 to 4 May 2027
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

20 March 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All tenders must be submitted via <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/R6FH4RDVQ3>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

The contract shall be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

Quality - 60%

Price - 40%

Full details can be found free of charge in the procurement documents via <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/R6FH4RDVQ3>

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/R6FH4RDVQ3>

To view all associated tender documents and respond to this opportunity, please click here: <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/R6FH4RDVQ3>

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Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXPM-5448-GHBZ

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Manager

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