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Pipeline

Networks Rail Track Focused Railway Systems Contract

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Description

The Rail Systems Alliances are Track Work contracts formed as partnerships between Network Rail and one or more suppliers. The scope predominantly includes the design and construction of track works on plain line track and switches and crossings (points). Associated work covers survey, site investigation, development, design, and installation works, including drainage, formation, ballast, sleeper, slab, and rail works, along with associated traction power, signalling, and minor civil engineering works such as signal/traction power foundations, level crossings, platform works, and cable troughing routes. The current alliance partnerships are due to end in May and June 2029.

Network Rail is seeking to appoint suitable supplier(s) to continue the delivery of Rail Systems and associated work for the Control Period (CP) 8 and 9 programmes, the estimated start date for mobilisation is mid 2028, with go live in mid 2029.

The current scope includes:

- Track renewals and upgrades across designated routes
- Integration with signalling and electrification works
- Provision of specialist plant and equipment

- Compliance with GBR transition requirements and sustainability objectives

The detailed scope and commercial model will be published within the tender documents.

Market Engagement:

Network Rail are keen to engage the market throughout this procurement activity, and further information will be provided through contract notices.

Please ensure your organisation is registered on Network Rail Sourcing Platform Bravo:
<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login>

Any expressions of interest can be emailed to mwesourcing@networkrail.co.uk

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2028 to 31 July 2039
- 11 years

Main category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45234000 - Construction work for railways and cable transport systems
- 45234100 - Railway construction works

- 71311230 - Railway engineering services
- 71311100 - Civil engineering support services
- 50225000 - Railway-track maintenance services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

4 May 2027

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

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