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Planning

Independent Commercial & Procurement Assurance Services

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Independent Commercial & Procurement Assurance Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail is looking to examine the level of interest in the market for suppliers to provide independent commercial & procurement (C&P) assurance services to support the commercial & procurement assurance teams across Network Rail.

More information on the scope and how to express an interest can be found via the opportunity listing that has been published on BravoNR - <https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>. The opportunity listing can be found by clicking on 'view current opportunities' and is under the heading '#36685 - Independent Commercial & Procurement Assurance Services'.

The deadline to submit an expression of interest is 15:00 on Friday 29th March 2024.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Commercial & Procurement Assurance teams across Network Rail are responsible for the delivery of sourcing and contract management ('SCM') assurance activities on behalf of Network Rail's Group Commercial and Procurement Director. SCM assurance is designed to

ensure sufficient internal reviews are conducted throughout the sourcing and contract management lifecycle and that documents and decisions have received adequate oversight prior to reaching governance approval points.

Network Rail is seeking the award of two suppliers to support in undertaking independent assurance review activities on procurements with a contract value over £20m and some selected projects under £20m where there is an increased risk profile or where a region has a lower threshold for assurance

External independent assurance is required during peaks in workload and when the C&P Assurance teams do not have the capacity to deliver the services in-house. Therefore, resource is required on a flexible basis to complement the C&P Assurance team's resource and will be required to undertake independent commercial and assurance reviews on an "as required" basis.

Assurance is required on outputs at various stages of the commercial lifecycle, including Sourcing Strategy, Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and Invitation to Tender documentation (ITT), evaluation and moderation records, Recommendation to Award (RTA), Contract Management Plan (CMP) including the contract mobilisation plan, Contract Variation and other Contract Management activities.

The Supplier will utilise their knowledge and experience in procurement, contract management and assurance to provide advice relating to key regulated procurement and commercial activities.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 May 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No