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## **Market Engagement Event: TransPennine Route Upgrade, Project W2BC, ES5-8 Civils and Station Strategy, Market Engagement Event**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Railway services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Market Engagement Event: TransPennine Route Upgrade, Project W2BC, ES5-8 Civils and Station Strategy, Market Engagement Event

Reference number

NRIL/TRU/439

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45000000 - Construction work

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Network Rail would like to conduct a market engagement exercise for the W2BC project, that will engage with the supply chain for the ES5-8 work packages for civils (including Geotech), stations, and tunnels.

The purpose is to gather valuable insights from suppliers to refine the W2BC Contract Strategy for Civils, Stations, and Tunnels for ES5-8, to inform the procurement strategy and packaging for the above works.

The main objective is gaining insightful market feedback on the overall strategy, the activity serves as a dynamic platform for direct engagement with our supply chain partners. It provides a unique opportunity for feedback, with a specific emphasis on optimising supply chain expertise, drawing upon lessons from prior procurements, exploring innovation, identifying further efficiency opportunities, and assessing the constructability necessary for informed packaging of the works.

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#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £186,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 45221000 - Construction work for bridges and tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45221110 - Bridge construction work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45221200 - Construction work for tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45221240 - Construction work for tunnels
- 45221242 - Railway tunnel construction work

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is a market engagement event, exercise for the W2BC project, that will engage with the supply chain for the ES5-8 work packages for civils (including Geotech), stations, and tunnels.

The purpose is to gather valuable insights from suppliers to refine the W2BC Contract Strategy for Civils, Stations, and Tunnels for ES5-8, to inform the procurement strategy and packaging for the above works.

Network Rail needs your active participation to ensure the future procurement follows an optimal sourcing strategy that balances Network Rail's key drivers against the market's appetite, capability and capacity.

The proposed market engagement event is to take place via Teams Webinar on Thursday the 18th of April 2024, from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

If you would like to attend the virtual briefing, please submit your interest by registering using the following Eventbrite event link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transpennine-route-upgrade-w2bc-project-market-engagement-event-tickets-861959583317?aff=oddtcreator>

Your registration needs to be completed by 10:00am (GMT) on Thursday 11th April 2024. When registering for the event you will be asked to provide the Name and Email Address

of the Key Contact of your Organisation (the nominated person will be responsible for completing a post market engagement questionnaire on behalf of your organisation, this must only be one person per organisation). This does not preclude several members of the same organisation from registering and attending the market engagement event. For clarity, we only wish to receive one supplier questionnaire per organisation in the post-market engagement phase.

There will not be an opportunity to verbally ask questions during the event, however communications can be written in the chat during the presentation which will be addressed following the event.

A supplier questionnaire will be available to complete following the event to obtain specific feedback that will inform the procurement strategy for the W2BC Civils, Stations, Tunnels ES5-8.

Any questions or clarifications in respect of this request for information should be addressed to [TRUW2BCProcurement@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:TRUW2BCProcurement@networkrail.co.uk).

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

19 March 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Network Rail is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency. In addition, we encourage the participation of Small Medium Enterprises, commonly known as SMEs.

All information provided on Network Rail's current thinking as part of the market engagement exercise (including the contents of this notice and the Request for

Information) should be considered indicative in nature and no overall decision on the delivery model has yet been made.

The market engagement exercise is not a formal request for expressions of interest. Participation or non-participation in this exercise will not confer any advantage or disadvantage on any person in respect of any future competitive procurement process. However, the results of the market engagement exercise (including written responses and any clarification questions or meetings) may

be used to shape and refine the delivery model before any formal competitive procurement process is launched.

Respondents should note that information provided in response to the market engagement exercise may (at Network Rail's discretion) be disclosed by Network Rail to its directly appointed advisers and consultants (all of whom are subject to obligations of confidentiality as part of their appointment). The information provided in responses may also be disclosed, in a suitably summarised and

anonymised form, to other stakeholders and to other interested persons. Notwithstanding that, where any response (or any part of it) is genuinely commercially sensitive, the respondent should make this clear, and Network Rail will not include that in any wider publication (beyond its directly appointed advisers and consultants).

Network Rail is not obliged to respond to any correspondence related to the market engagement exercise. Direct or indirect canvassing of Network Rail (or any person connected with it) by any person concerning the market engagement exercise, or any attempt to procure information outside of the defined process is discouraged and may (in certain circumstances) require the disqualification of the relevant person(s) from participation in any future competitive procurement process.

Any costs of participation in this market engagement exercise will be borne by the respondent. Any procurement of any services, supplies or works by Network Rail will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

All information provided by Network Rail during this market engagement exercise is at an early stage of development, is not intended by Network Rail to create any contract or other commitment and is not intended by Network Rail to be otherwise relied on by any person to any extent. Network Rail shall have no liability for any losses incurred by any person as a result any such reliance.

As a reminder, this is not a call for competition.