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Extension of Technical Support and Spares Supply Agreement (TSSSA) with CAF Rail UK Limited for Class 397 vehicles that are already operated on the TPE rail network.

FIRST TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Extension of Technical Support and Spares Supply Agreement (TSSSA) with CAF Rail UK Limited for Class 397 vehicles that are already operated on the TPE rail network.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50100000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services of vehicles and related equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In preparation for an award of a National Rail Contract from the Department for Transport to Transpennine Express Limited (operated by First Group), it is intended to extend the TSSSA with CAF Rail UK Limited for the fleets of trains currently under that TSSSA. The TSSSA is expected to be extended in accordance with paragraph II.2.4 below.

The Contracting Authority will observe a 10 day standstill period from the date of issue of this notice prior to entering into the TSSSA extension with CAF Rail UK Limited.

The Standstill Period will end on 10th April 2023.

Please see PIN Ref (published by DfT) : 2022/S 000-006951 Dated 15th March 2022.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Services operated between

- Manchester, Preston, Carlisle, Glasgow and Edinburgh;
- Newcastle and Edinburgh; and,
- Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, York and Newcastle.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contracting Authority intends to extend the TSSSA in accordance with Regulation 50(1)(c)(ii) of the Utilities Contract Regulations 2016 for technical reasons.

TPE intend to award a TSSSA extension with CAF Rail UK Limited for the Class 397 rolling stock. The current TSSSA expires in May 2023 and it is intended to extend the TSSSA until May 2024.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This fleet of trains have been in operation on the TPE network since 2016.

TPE currently have a TSSSA arrange with CAF on the maintenance of the Class 397's.

The fleet was recently introduced and has a MSA target to achieve reliability target of 45000 MTIN. It is currently achieving 13,457 MAA MTIN. Since this contract is for 12 months, CAF is the only provider that has the technical know-how to provide technical support to this fleet. No other provider will be able to develop their technical knowledge within the available timescales to deliver this contract. TPE cannot allow a capability gap in these services. In addition only CAF has the technical know-how to achieve the MTIN.

A PIN will be issued in due course for the tendering of the Class 397.

It will be difficult for any new maintenance provider to obtain DAA agreements, mobilise/train staff, tools, infrastructure etc prior to the 28th May 2023.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 March 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom