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Planning

Managed Services Framework

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

project_42429

Description

Network Rail's Technical Authority (TA) is a centre of expertise, accountable for setting technical guidance for Network Rail and the railway system. Technical Authority cover safety, health and wellbeing, environment and sustainability, security, engineering, technology, capability, compliance, and incident investigations.

Technical Authority are building an expanding portfolio of practical solutions to support regions, from modernising the way Network Rail manage the railway through safer ways of

working, to managing the railway in an increasingly uncertain and changing world including managing the impact of climate change and extreme weather on our network and operating under terror threats. Technical Authority carry out these activities whilst engaging with external bodies from the ORR to the international railway community, to learn and improve.

The Requirement:

Network Rail's Technical Authority has a requirement for a zero value framework agreement for the supply of a Managed Services provision.

The Managed Services Framework (MSF) will support the delivery of the Technical Authority's objectives and enhance the support provided by Technical Authority to the regions, through providing Technical Authority with the ability to flex its capability and capacity through the call off and delivery of defined Work Packages at a more economical and efficient rate than ramping up internal resources.

The framework will support all Technical Authority functions including:

- Engineering
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health & Safety
- Technology (including Research & Development)
- Security

Each of these functions contain discreet and specific work activities unique to the function as well as more generic, departmental wide activities like reporting and standards writing / updating.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £115,000,000 excluding VAT
- £138,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 July 2026 to 12 July 2030
- Possible extension to 12 July 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71311100 - Civil engineering support services
- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services
- 71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services
- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services
- 71317210 - Health and safety consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 March 2025

Engagement process description

The Market Engagement will take place through completion of a questionnaire to be returned by 28th March 2025

To access the Market Engagement submission document, please go to our Bravo site and select "View Current Opportunities". Select the Link for Managed Services Framework and complete the response to the engagement questionnaire.

The instructions for returning the market engagement information are included within the Market Engagement document titled "MSF Market Engagement v2 14032025"

The link to Bravo is - <https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

7 July 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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