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Award

Design, certification, supply and installation of Single Variable Rate Sanding (SVRS) to ScotRail's Class 158 Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs)

ScotRail Trains 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

Design, certification, supply and installation of Single Variable Rate Sanding (SVRS) to ScotRail's Class 158 Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs)

Reference number

SR-PACT-PROJ-566

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34600000 - Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Turnkey solution for the design, certification, supply, and installation of Single Variable Rate Sanding (SVRS) for ScotRail's Class 158

Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs).

ScotRail requires an SVRS system that has previously received technical approval (i.e., ROSCO approval and full certification through the engineering change process).

The SVRS systems must be capable of providing proven improvements in braking performance under low-adhesion conditions for the Class 158 DMU fleet. This must be evidenced by industry performance data demonstrating these improvements specifically for the Class 158 DMUs.

ScotRail aims to commence fitment in Autumn 2025 to benefit from the system's benefits as soon as possible.

ScotRail intends to use the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition to contract with Siemens Mobility Limited. This approach is considered the only viable option, as Siemens Mobility is the only supplier who can provide a technically proven solution with demonstrated performance benefits on an in-service fleet and the capability to meet the challenging project timeline.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34631400 - Wheel axles and tyres and other parts of locomotives or rolling stock

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Installation works will take place at ScotRail engineering depots in Inverness Depot and Haymarket Depot

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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:

Please see additional information for a full explanation.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

18 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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Country

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- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Justification:

SRT justifies its use for this procurement under two grounds:

1. Reg 48(1)(c): Only One Provider Available Due to Technical Reasons
2. Reg 48(1)(d) and 48(3): Extreme Urgency

Reg 48(1)(c) allows procurement from a sole provider if competition is absent for technical reasons or to protect exclusive rights.

Justification:

- SRT's safety case mandates the procurement of a fully certified SVRS system by August 2025 to ensure fleet safety.
- Porterbrook, the train owner, has mandated in the lease that SRT can only procure an SVRS system which has full engineering change approval.
- Siemens Mobility is the sole supplier meeting these technical requirements, making competition absent for technical reasons.

In conclusion, SRT's procurement under Regulation 48 is justified due to the absence of alternative suppliers capable of meeting the required specifications and timeframe.

Reg 48(1)(d) states that extreme urgency, caused by unforeseeable events, must make compliance with standard procurement procedures impossible. Reg 48(3) further clarifies that the urgency must not be attributable to the utility.

Justification:

The following incidents on the GB rail network has required SRT to install SRVS on its cl.158 fleet:

- The Salisbury collision (Oct 21) due to poor adhesion, involving Great Western Railway and South Western Railway trains, led SRT to implement an initial sanding strategy in 22.
- The Powys collision (Oct 24) involving Transport for Wales trains, and multiple station overruns in Autumn 24 indicate an ongoing issue with the cl.158 fleet in low adhesion

conditions.

- Given these incidents, the current sanding equipment cannot be assumed sufficient for Autumn 25 and beyond.
- Urgent procurement of new sanding equipment is required to mitigate the risk of further accidents.
- The Powys collision and station overruns highlight a systemic issue rather than isolated incidents, making the urgency unforeseeable but critical.
- SRT is bound by its safety case to minimise fleet risk and must act swiftly.
- The SVRS system must be supplied by August 25, requiring contract award by March 25. Manufacturing takes 7-8 months, making full competitive procedures unfeasible.
- Siemens Mobility is the only provider whose SVRS system has been proven on passenger-services, has previous ROSCO approval, and fully certified.
- An uncertified alternative would take at least 18 mths to implement, making Siemens Mobility the only viable supplier for the 2025 deadline.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom