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Planning

TRU ETCS GRIP 4 -8 Delivery Market Consultation – Technical Feasibility

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Railway

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34632000 - Railways traffic-control equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail wishes to consult the market to understand the technical feasibility of a potential approach to deliver the ETCS outputs for TRU. We are specifically looking to understand the market capability with regards to a potential option to interface between the existing Computer Based Interlockings (CBI) and the Radio Block Centres (RBC)s associated with an ETCS system. At this stage, Network Rail has no intention to inform, share or test any other aspects of any proposed procurement process for ETCS delivery on TRU. If required, this market engagement will be advertised separately.

Network Rail seeks to consult with relevant market providers, with associated expertise, to respond to the following questions only:

- 1) If you currently provide/ are installing a CBI across the TRU geography, what detailed technical information and support would you share with Network Rail and any potential future ETCS supplier to facilitate the interface to the RBC required by an ETCS system?
- 2) Should a RBC be required to interface with an established interlocking on TRU, what products do you supply/ install to achieve this technical interface, or are you developing any relevant products to achieve the same output?
- 3) Does your organisation have any future plans to develop a product to achieve the proposed RBC/CBI interface described above?
- 4) If no current interface exists and the appetite is to work collaboratively with other suppliers what is the preferred mechanism? (Supplier Lead Development, Licenses, sub-contract interface)

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34632200 - Electrical signalling equipment for railways
- 34632300 - Electrical installations for railways
- 34942000 - Signalling equipment
- 34942100 - Signal posts
- 34942200 - Signalling boxes

- 34943000 - Train-monitoring system
- 48140000 - Railway traffic control software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The PIN is in regard to an initial technical market engagement phase for intelligence gathering only. The intelligence received will better inform Network Rail's options when determining the need for, and nature of, any future procurement. At this stage, Network Rail has no intention to inform, share or test any other aspects of any proposed procurement process for ETCS delivery on TRU. If required, this market engagement will be advertised separately.

II.2.14) Additional information

If you would like to participate in this market engagement, NR will be hosting one to one sessions via MS Teams between the 21st & 25th June 2021. Please register your interest via the BravoNR messaging facility, by no later than 16th June 2021. Please note that attendance is limited to 8 persons per supplier. Please consider the questions in advance and attend prepared to discuss your responses.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 May 2021

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please be advised that all discussions at the market engagement sessions will be centred around the questions posed above. Network Rail will not be discussing procurement activities or opportunities or any other aspects related to TRU and/ or ETCS delivery.

Any information received from the market will be considered as confidential. Please be advised that upon review of the intelligence Network Rail may or may not use all/ any of the information for the purposes of future planning in the digital rail space.

Should you chose not to participate in this market engagement event, this will not preclude you from any future procurement opportunities or any further market engagement activities if conducted.”