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Extension of Servicing and Light Maintenance Contract with Arriva UK Trains Limited for Class 68 and Mk5A 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 Servicing and Light Maintenance Contract with Arriva UK Trains Limited for Class 68 and Mk5A 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 servicing and light maintenance contract with Arriva UK Trains Limited for the Class 68 and Mk5A fleet of trains. The servicing and light maintenance contract 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 maintenance contract extension with Arriva UK Trains Limited.

The Standstill Period will end on 22nd May 2023.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

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 servicing and light maintenance contract in accordance with Regulation 50(1)(c)(ii) of the Utilities Contract Regulations 2016 for technical reasons.

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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:

Arriva UK Trains Limited are responsible for carrying out servicing activities, depot maintenance and Person In Charge responsibilities at Scarborough depot. This covers the Mk5a and the Class 68's.

The staff at these locations are fully trained in carrying out the above-mentioned activities and the time taken to develop these core skills, and/or TUPE these staff will exceed the available time to transition over to a new contracting entity prior to May 23.

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

10 May 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom