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Extension of Maintenance Contract with Direct Rail Services Limited for Class 68 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 Maintenance Contract with Direct Rail Services Limited for Class 68 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 maintenance contract with Direct Rail Services Limited for the Class 68 fleet of trains. The 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 Direct Rail Services 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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

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

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 TSA 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:

Direct Rail Services Limited provides a turnkey solution for maintenance. There is no provider in the market who can carry out the activities being undertaken by Direct Rail Services Limited.

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