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Tender

Heaton RSS Feasibility Phase 1

Northern Trains Limited

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Scope

Description

In order to identify the optimum solution to address the issues identified at Heaton, an external supplier will be procured to produce the following deliverables:

Survey strategy and reports from specific surveys.

Validate reports, previous work, and proposed changes against applicable rules and constraints

Risks, issues, assumptions, and dependencies log.

Compliance with safety and design assurance requirements, Northern policies, and regulatory and industry rules and standards.

Overall feasibility report including constructability assessment and concept design.

Options identification report containing appraisal of possible options.

Single option agreement in principle – define the preferred single option for each scheme and obtain agreement in principle with stakeholders.

Preliminary design - multidisciplinary design of the selected single option.

Design specification of requirements for inclusion in the ITT pack for design stage.

Northern Trains Ltd, is a Train Operating Company (TOC) that operates passenger rail services in the north of England. Northern Trains Ltd is publishing this notice to establish a contract with a single supplier to carry out a feasibility study on Heaton Depot.

The nature of the arrangement is that services will be supplied under a JCT Consultancy Agreement.

Where used throughout this notice, the meaning of Train Operating Companies includes all and any of those train operating companies who, currently or in the future, provide services for the carriage of passengers by railway:

under a franchise agreement with the Secretary of State within the meaning of section 23(3) of the Railways Act 1993 or under, or secured under, the Secretary of State's duty in section 30(1) of the Railways Act 1993; or

in accordance with legislation which supersedes or amends the powers referred to in a) and b), including where such powers are transferred from the Secretary of State to another body.

The list of current providers of services for the carriage of passengers by railway under these provisions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-register-of-rail-passenger-contracts>.

Novation or Assignment

The contract may be novated or assigned by Northern Trains Ltd to Train Operating Companies, or to DFT Operator Limited (company number: 07141122) or any successor parent company to a Train Operating Company, following a corporate restructuring or similar circumstance.

Other Information

Northern Trains Limited expressly reserves the right: not to award any suppliers the contract referred to in this notice; and in no circumstances will the customer be liable for any costs incurred by the suppliers.

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Total value (estimated)

- £261,000 excluding VAT
- £313,200 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 May 2026 to 15 November 2026
- 6 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

Contract locations

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear
- UKC22 - Tyneside

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 March 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

17 March 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality criteria	Quality	55%
Price Criteria	Price	40%
Social Value Criteria	Quality	5%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

Northern Trains Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZCJ-2164-HJQZ

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