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## **Market Engagement Event: Network Rail Eastern Region – Rail Solutions Panel Enhancements Framework**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity

Railway

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

NRIL/CDE/207

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45234100 - Railway construction works

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Network Rail is reviewing potential options to procure a framework or other contracting arrangement for the delivery of multi-disciplinary projects within the Eastern Region (predominantly, but not limited to, services and works relating to enhancements and/ or major programmes of works).

This initial engagement event seeks to inform the market of our indicative intentions and objectives. In addition, it seeks to receive feedback from interested parties on a range of indicative proposals, to help Network Rail develop its thinking in this area. Depending on responses and other internal/ external factors, further market engagement sessions may follow on from this event.

Your feedback will help inform Network Rail on how best to develop potential procurement events to deliver complex and multidisciplinary projects in Eastern.

For clarity, this market engagement IS NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION and your participation or otherwise in this event will not have any impact on any future, potential bidding opportunities.

Whilst we will be sharing information to help gauge market interest, this is done with best intentions and is not a guarantee that a procurement event will be launched following this engagement, and we reserve the right to use other routes to market.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45234000 - Construction work for railways and cable transport systems

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Eastern Region

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The briefing will be virtual (Microsoft Teams) and will be held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 13:00 GMT for approximately 1hr 30.

If you would like to attend the virtual briefing, please use the Bravo messaging facility to register your interest and receive details of the Microsoft Teams event.

During the event you will be asked to provide the Name and Email Address of the Key Contact of your Organisation (the nominated person will be responsible for completing a post market engagement questionnaire on behalf of your organisation, this must only be one person per organisation). This does not preclude several members of the same organisation from registering and attending the market engagement event. For clarity, we only wish to receive one supplier questionnaire per organisation in the post-market engagement phase.

A supplier questionnaire will be available to complete following the event to obtain specific feedback on the proposals shared.

Any questions or clarifications in respect of this request for information should be addressed to [easternframeworks@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:easternframeworks@networkrail.co.uk)

Further notes on this PIN:

In Section II.1.5), the Estimated Total Value figure is a mandatory field and so the nominal figure of £1 has been inserted. The information we gather from this market engagement may inform any future approach, which will confirm an estimated figure for the framework at the relevant time.

While details as to the type of services and works, estimated value, duration and Lots which are mandatory fields in the online form have not been specified in this notice, they will be confirmed if and when any subsequent contract notice may be issued.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

20 November 2023

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Network Rail is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency. In addition, we encourage the participation of Small Medium Enterprises, commonly known as SMEs.

All information provided on Network Rail's current thinking as part of the market engagement exercise (including the contents of this notice and the Request for Information) should be considered indicative in nature and no overall decision on the delivery model has yet been made.

The market engagement exercise is not a formal request for expressions of interest. Participation or non-participation in this exercise will not confer any advantage or disadvantage on any person in respect of any future competitive procurement process. However, the results of the market engagement exercise (including written responses and any clarification questions or meetings) may be used to shape and refine the delivery model before any formal competitive procurement process is launched.

Respondents should note that information provided in response to the market engagement exercise may (at Network Rail's discretion) be disclosed by Network Rail to its directly appointed advisers and consultants (all of whom are subject to obligations of confidentiality as part of their appointment). The information provided in responses may also be disclosed, in a suitably summarised and anonymised form, to other stakeholders and to other interested persons. Notwithstanding that, where any response (or any part of it) is genuinely commercially sensitive, the respondent should make this clear, and Network Rail will not include that in any wider publication (beyond its directly appointed advisers and consultants).

Network Rail is not obliged to respond to any correspondence related to the market engagement exercise. Direct or indirect canvassing of Network Rail (or any person connected with it) by any person concerning the market engagement exercise, or any attempt to procure information outside of the defined process is discouraged and may (in certain circumstances) require the disqualification of the relevant person(s) from participation in any future competitive procurement process.

Any costs of participation in this market engagement exercise will be borne by the respondent. Any procurement of any services, supplies or works by Network Rail will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

All information provided by Network Rail during this market engagement exercise is at an early stage of development, is not intended by Network Rail to create any contract or other commitment and is not intended by Network Rail to be otherwise relied on by any person to any extent. Network Rail shall have no liability for any losses incurred by any person as a result any such reliance.

As a reminder, this is not a call for competition.