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Planning

Hire of Road Rail Vehicles (RRV) Operators and Attachments

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

PROJECT UPDATE 18 FEBRURARY 2026

Route to Market: Network Rail intend to run this future tender opportunity via RISQS under the new Qualifying Utilities Dynamic Market (QUDM).

Suppliers with the following RICCL Code and Activities will be invited to take part in the tender opportunity.

RICCL Code: D.B.1 – On Track Plant (OTP) with/without Operator

Activity: P Supply [SUP] & R Operate [OPT]

Please note that suppliers that do not hold both activity codes at the time of tender will be required to obtain these prior to the start of the new framework.

For information about RISQS please visit their website.

www.risqs.org

Timescales: Network Rail are currently in the strategy approval stage and developing documents for Tender, we hope to issue the Tender via RISQS within the next 2-3 months.

*** END OF UPDATE***

This notice links to the UK1: Pipeline notice - Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-031454

Scope

Reference

43245

Description

Hire of Road Rail Vehicles (RRV) Operators and Attchments to support with maintenance, renewals and enhacements of the railway. This is a national provision across all 5 Network Rail regions.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2035
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

11 July 2025

Engagement process description

Network Rail's current framework for the hire of Road Rail Vehicles (RRV), Operators and Attachments is set to expire on 31 March 2027. This framework provides national coverage across all five Network Rail regions. We are in the preliminary stages of developing a new strategy to procure a replacement solution, set to commence following the expiration of the current framework.

Network Rail is keen to engage with prospective suppliers who may be interested in the upcoming framework. We invite such suppliers to attend an individual virtual engagement session. These sessions are likely to be scheduled for the weeks commencing 23 June 2025 and 7 July 2025.

If your organisation is interested in participating in a market engagement session, please register your interest by emailing Jessica.Covey@networkrail.co.uk with the subject heading "RRV Market Engagement." Kindly register your interest by 27 June 2025. Upon receiving your expression of interest, we will contact you to arrange a suitable time slot and provide you with a questionnaire to be completed in advance of your session.

If for any reason you cannot or would rather not attend a virtual session, you can still submit your completed questionnaire.

Each individual session will last approximately 45 minutes, during which we will discuss your questionnaire responses in greater detail. The primary objective of this market engagement is to gather valuable information, understand market needs, risks, and challenges, and help shape the new procurement strategy. This engagement will ensure that Network Rail's requirements are both realistic and effective.

Please note that the market engagement session is solely for the purpose of pre-procurement market engagement and does not constitute a commitment to undertake any future procurement. Interested parties will not be prejudiced by their response or lack thereof to the market engagement. Additionally, a response to this market engagement does not guarantee an invitation to participate in any future events or procurements.

The market engagement does not constitute a call for competition for the procurement of any services, supplies, or works mentioned herein. Network Rail will not accept any proposals offered in response to this market engagement. Network Rail shall bear no responsibility for any costs, fees, or expenses incurred by any party in replying to or attending any market engagement event. Any procurement of services, supplies, or works by Network Rail will be conducted in strict accordance with the provisions of The Procurement Act 2023.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 May 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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