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Planning

Pre-Market Engagement RFI - Fixed Telecomms Network Support

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Network Rail have their own National SDH Network, managed by their Network Management Centre (NMC). The network allows Network Rail to carry and transmit voice, data, signalling and radio services to the operational railway for the support of safe train movements.

There are plans for a renewal and replacement of this network. However, this will take many years to complete. The SDH equipment is End of Life (EoL) / End of Support (EoS). As a result, standard Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) support and extended support is no longer available or has limited availability.

Network Rail is seeking information from qualified suppliers who can provide a comprehensive long term support arrangement for the National SDH Network. This includes Repair & Return of Alcatel SDH Transmission Equipment and equipment forming the Data Communication Network (DCN) for the SDH network, Remote Technical Support and Helpdesk Support (Level 3/Tier3).

Total value (estimated)

- £5,010,000 excluding VAT
- £6,012,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 May 2025

Engagement process description

For further information relating to the scope of this pre-market engagement and the

submission process, please review the document titled "Pre-Market Engagement RFI - Fixed Telecoms Network Support" via the instructions below:

1. Follow the link - <https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>
2. From the welcome screen, access the "View Current Opportunities" link and select "Pre-Market Engagement RFI - Fixed Telecoms Network Support". Click on the PDF attachment titled "Pre-Market Engagement RFI - Fixed Telecoms Network Support".

Contracting authority

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