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Tender

Airport Route Upgrades

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive T/A Nexus

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Changes to notice

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

The Procurement Description has been amended for added clarity.

Scope

Reference

NEX25/55

Description

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive t/a Nexus are seeking to appoint a Principal Contractor to carry out and complete the Airport Route Upgrade works between Newcastle International Airport station and Longbenton (Tyne and Wear). The upgrade works consists of the replacement and renewal of permanent way assets and overhead line equipment. This will include renewal of specified areas of track, which have reached the end of their serviceable life, tamping to achieve a new through alignment, offloading ballast and stressing along with replacing an existing fixed tension overhead line system with a new automatically tensioned system. Certain civil engineering and signalling activities may also form part of the overall scope.

Total value (estimated)

- £16,000,000 excluding VAT
- £20,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 November 2026 to 29 October 2027
- 11 months

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 34940000 - Railway equipment
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As per tender documentation

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per tender documentation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

25 May 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

3 June 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 October 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	55%
Price	Price	35%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Payment terms

As per tender documentation

Description of risks to contract performance

As per tender documentation

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Competitive flexible procedure.

Only qualified suppliers are invited to tender.

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

Please see tender documentation in our eProcurement website:

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

Technical specifications to be met

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

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Contracting authority

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive T/A Nexus

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNTB-4383-VMJH

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)