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## **Entity in Charge of Maintenance Certification (ECM)**

Translink

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

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

Translink

Procurement Department

Belfast

BT2 7LX

#### **Email**

[etni@translink.co.uk](mailto:etni@translink.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

### **I.6) Main activity**

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Entity in Charge of Maintenance Certification (ECM)

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79132000 - Certification services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

There is a requirement on Translink NI Railways to obtain ECM Certification as per (EU) 2019/779 for its passenger fleet during 2023. Translink operate regular services cross border between Belfast and Dublin and as a result of Brexit, ECM certification is mandatory as per the 2019/779 Regulation.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Translink NI Railways require the services of an accredited certification body for entities in charge of maintenance to carry out the initial assessment and certification activities to enable and ECM certificate to be awarded. All necessary surveillance activities as per regulation during the 5-year validity of the certification cycle are also required from the successful supplier.

The ECM certificate will cover all local and cross border traction and rolling stock maintained by Translink NI Railways, and a small number of freight wagons and on-track machines. Interested suppliers are requested to email their contact details to [naomi.orr@translink.co.uk](mailto:naomi.orr@translink.co.uk) NO LATER THAN on 3pm Friday 23 June 2023

#### II.2.14) Additional information

The Irish Rail Regulator (commission for rail regulation – CRR) in conjunction with the European Rail Agency (ERA) have mandated that certification must be obtained during 2023.. Fleets maintained by Translink NI Railways: All fleets are owned by NI Railways unless stated otherwise. • Class 3000 – 23x 3-car DMUs . • Class 4000 – 13x 3-car DMUs & 7x 6-car DMUs . • Class 9000 – 28x locomotive hauled vehicles (50% owned by NI Railways) & 4x generator vans . • OTM – 6x on-track machines. • Class 110 – 3x GM 071 locomotives. • Freight – 13 wagons (6x ballast hoppers, 6x flat wagons & 1x pumpset).. . . . Interested suppliers are requested to email their contact details to [naomi.orr@translink.co.uk](mailto:naomi.orr@translink.co.uk) NO LATER THAN on 3pm Friday 23 June 2023

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

31 July 2023

## **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

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

23 June 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers registering their interest in participating in this exercise should note that: 1. This Notice is to initiate a market engagement and information gathering exercise and does not indicate the start of a procurement exercise. It is instead intended to act as an informal market research document providing a brief synopsis of Translinks' future requirements. This document is not intended to provide a definitive list of requirements. 2. We intend to invite interested suppliers to discuss Entity in Charge of Maintenance Certification. 3. This document is not a tender specification nor request for quotation. Translink is merely investigating market opportunities at this stage without entering into any contractual or financial commitments. 4. Please note, progress in the project will be subject to the availability and timing of funding. If this requirement is given financial approval, it will be tendered under the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016. Any documents, discussions, presentations, demonstrations, or clarifications submitted for this Market Research will not be considered as any part of the tender exercise. If Translink does decide to proceed with a competitive tender process, a separate detailed tender specification document will be produced as part of that process. 5. Nothing in this advertisement or any other documents or information provided by Translink or any of its advisers or agents is to be construed as implying a commitment by Translink to place any Contract, now or in the future with any participating supplier in respect of the requirement under consideration. 6. Translink takes no responsibility for any actions or decisions taken, costs incurred or commitments made by interested parties in responding to this notice or by being involved in any subsequent discussions in this market engagement and information gathering exercise. 7. At this stage it is not possible to give an accurate timeframe for this requirement. Interested suppliers are requested to email their contact details to [naomi.orr@translink.co.uk](mailto:naomi.orr@translink.co.uk) NO LATER THAN on 3pm Friday 23 June 2023