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Planning

Class 323 Refresh

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Northern (NTL) has 34 class 323's with 17 of these transferred from West Midlands Railway which are required to be brought in line with Northern's branding. The core aspect of the tender will be for 17 trainsets (51 vehicles) to be refreshed in line with NTL's specifications. The relevant specifications which can be provided upon request prior to the tender going live are;

PBMP2835 NTL Class 323 Interior Refresh - Issue 1D3

SoFPB23022-002-Northern CL323 Schedule of Finishes-Draft 3

In addition to the 17x trainsets the tender will provide an option for 2x additional class 323 trainsets which NTL are looking at bring onto lease as to cover timetable requirements whilst various other fleets are being taken out of service for repair works outside of the scope of this tender. NTL cannot guarantee that these 2 units are going to go through refresh however NTL asks that bidders provide an optional price should these units be refreshed.

The Unit numbers for the 17 are;

323202

323203

323205

323206

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NTL intends for the winning bidder to undertake the works at NTL's Manchester International Depot (MID) with works to commence in September 2025 and run until April 2026. The First in Class unit will enter works and subject to winning bidders project plans will likely go through initial strip stage ahead of a 2nd unit being released into the project scope. From this point until project completion the Refresh programme will operate on a 2x unit holding as to reduce the overall project timescales. These timescales are outlined in order to manage bidders expectations for this tender in the following respects;

1. The commencement date of September is outlined as NTL is looking to issue this tender within the next couple of weeks and will then run a 1 staged tender process as to provide the winning bidder with as much mobilisation time as feasible. It is noted that the works of the refresh are relatively standard and that MID as a facility will require minimum

modifications however as part of the tender bidders will be invited to MID as part of the assessment.

2. The end date of April 2026 is a key consideration for this project as various roads at MID are required for NTL's ETCS upgrade plans therefore slippage to this date is important to avoid.

A Pre-Qualifying Criteria for bidders to be able to submit bids that will be evaluated for this tender is that Suppliers are registered with RISQs against RICCL Code E.E.2 Electrical Multiple Units.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 25 August 2025 to 1 April 2027
- 1 year, 7 months, 8 days

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

NTL may require 2x additional class 323's to be added to the refresh project

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50220000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to railways and other equipment

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 May 2025

Tender submission deadline

13 June 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.delta.com

NTL will issue this tender via Delta and Social Value submissions will be via the Social Value Portal.

Links to these shall be submitted upon the tender going live

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

11 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	50%
Commercial	Price	40%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

Documents

Associated tender documents

[SoFPB23022-002-Northern CL323 Schedule of Finishes-Draft 3.pdf](#)

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Contracting authority

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