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## **Market Engagement Event: Northern Powerhouse Rail / Integrated Rail Plan Development & Design Services Framework**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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

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

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity

Railway

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Market Engagement Event: Northern Powerhouse Rail / Integrated Rail Plan Development & Design Services Framework

Reference number

NRIL/NPR/144

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

- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works

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

Services

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

Network Rail intends to procure a framework for the delivery of Development & Design Services required for the Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) portfolio and the wider Integrated Rail Plan (IRP).

This market engagement event seeks to update the market on the status and expected future requirements of the NPR and IRP portfolios and make a Request for Information to support the development of the associated procurement strategy. This future procurement strategy will focus on the Development & Design Services related to Projects Accelerated in a Controlled Environment (PACE) phases 1 and 2.

The Request for Information will focus on how the market views the opportunity, the capacity and capability in the current market, as well as the potential contracting models to deliver the programme and service packages. Your feedback will help inform Network Rail how best to deliver potential procurement events for this complex and multidisciplinary Programme.

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#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45213300 - Buildings associated with transport
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 63711000 - Support services for railway transport
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Eastern Region and North-West & Central

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is a market engagement event, to share the current status of Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) / Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) and gather the supply chain's input on the future procurement strategy for Development & Design Services.

Network Rail needs your active participation to ensure the future procurement follows an optimal sourcing strategy that balances Network Rail's key drivers against the market's appetite, capability and capacity.

The briefing will be virtual (Microsoft Teams) and will be held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 2pm (GMT) for approx. 2 hours.

If you would like to attend the virtual briefing, please submit your interest by registering using the following Eventbrite event link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/northern-powerhouse-rail-integrated-rail-plan-design->

[services-framework-tickets-655781228307?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.networkrail.co.uk/services-framework-tickets-655781228307?aff=oddtcreator)

Your registration needs to be completed by 10:00am (GMT) on Friday 23rd June 2023.

When registering for the event you will be asked to provide the Name and Email Address of the Key Contact of your Organisation (the nominated person will be responsible for completing a post market engagement questionnaire on behalf of your organisation, this must only be one person per organisation). This does not preclude several members of the same organisation from registering and attending the market engagement event. For clarity, we only wish to receive one supplier questionnaire per organisation in the post-market engagement phase.

There will not be an opportunity to verbally ask questions during the event, however communications can be written in the chat during the presentation which will be addressed following the event.

A supplier questionnaire will be available to complete following the event to obtain specific feedback that will inform the procurement strategy for the NPR/IRP Development & Design Services Framework.

Any questions or clarifications in respect of this request for information should be addressed to [nprprocurementteam@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:nprprocurementteam@networkrail.co.uk).

Further notes on this PIN:

In Section II.1.5), the Estimated Total Value figure is a mandatory field and so the nominal figure of £1 has been inserted. The information we gather from this market engagement event directly informs our subsequent framework structure and lotting strategy which in turn will inform our estimated figure for the framework.

In Section II.1.6) Information about Lots, Network Rail has stated 'no' even though we do expect to follow a lotting strategy. This answer has been inputted because we need the information from the market engagement to shape our decision on this.

While details as to the type of services, estimated value, duration and Lots which are mandatory fields in the online form have not been specified in this notice, they will be confirmed in the subsequent contract notice, as informed by the market engagement exercise being conducted by Network Rail.

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

13 June 2023

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Network Rail is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency. In addition, we encourage the participation of Small Medium Enterprises, commonly known as SMEs.

All information provided on Network Rail's current thinking as part of the market engagement exercise (including the contents of this notice and the Request for Information) should be considered indicative in nature and no overall decision on the delivery model has yet been made.

The market engagement exercise is not a formal request for expressions of interest. Participation or non-participation in this exercise will not confer any advantage or disadvantage on any person in respect of any future competitive procurement process. However, the results of the market engagement exercise (including written responses and any clarification questions or meetings) may be used to shape and refine the delivery model before any formal competitive procurement process is launched.

Respondents should note that information provided in response to the market engagement exercise may (at Network Rail's discretion) be disclosed by Network Rail to its directly appointed advisers and consultants (all of whom are subject to obligations of confidentiality as part of their appointment). The information provided in responses may also be disclosed, in a suitably summarised and anonymised form, to other stakeholders and to other interested persons. Notwithstanding that, where any response (or any part of it) is genuinely commercially sensitive, the respondent should make this clear, and Network Rail will not include that in any wider publication (beyond its directly appointed advisers and consultants).

Network Rail is not obliged to respond to any correspondence related to the market engagement exercise. Direct or indirect canvassing of Network Rail (or any person connected with it) by any person concerning the market engagement exercise, or any attempt to procure information outside of the defined process is discouraged and may (in certain circumstances) require the disqualification of the relevant person(s) from participation in any future competitive procurement process.

Any costs of participation in this market engagement exercise will be borne by the respondent. Any procurement of any services, supplies or works by Network Rail will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

All information provided by Network Rail during this market engagement exercise is at an early stage of development, is not intended by Network Rail to create any contract or other commitment and is not intended by Network Rail to be otherwise relied on by any person to any extent. Network Rail shall have no liability for any losses incurred by any person as a result any such reliance.

As a reminder, this is not a call for competition.