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Planning

Pre Market Engagement: Portable Mobile Phone charging Units

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Railway Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pre Market Engagement: Portable Mobile Phone charging Units

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64212000 - Mobile-telephone services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Market Sounding Briefing and Questionnaire (“Market Sounding”), has been issued by Network Rail (NR) in advance of finalising a proposal to procure a service provision for

Portable Mobile Phone Charging in Excess Baggage Units in NR Managed Stations on behalf of NR Retail Property team. The main purpose is for NR to understand the solutions that are available before commencing with a formal competition. The NR Retail Property team is responsible for generating sustainable income from its estate for re-investment in our rail infrastructure.

This requirement supports the NR vision to become a company that is on the side of its passengers and is therefore changing to be more responsive to the needs of passengers and freight users. As part of the Putting Passengers First programme and from a safety perspective NR wants its passengers to feel safer by having access to facilities that enable them to charge their mobile phone(s).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 42933000 - Vending machines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Network Rail Owned Stations

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The current requirement is for a facility to provide passengers with portable mobile phone charging in, but not exhaustive to 15 NR managed stations. It should be noted that NR is not committing to the installation of a facility at all locations; the lists provided in the RFI submission document that accompanies this notice shows the number of locations where we may wish to utilise such a facility with the majority being installed in stations.

We understand that “one solution fits all” may not be appropriate in every environment the portable charging solution is situated in and recognise that a range of options may be applicable such as a vending machine solution and / desk top facility (e.g. hand to hand solution). NR is seeking to understand the full range of solutions that are available in the marketplace. Interested Suppliers may propose a range of available options but should explain their suitability in differing environments. All assets must comply with vigorous

safety standards, details of which can be provided at a later stage.

Supplier Expectations

- Supplier will own and manage the asset
- Fully portable / hire out solution
- Secure Payment Method
- A solution that will generate income for Network Rail
- Suppliers working in a sustainable fashion

The purpose of this RFI is to engage with the supply base and request information relating to the existing solutions available in the market, specifically this RFI will look to address the following areas:

- Identify the existing solutions available in the market;
- Identify the functionality and capabilities of the solutions available in the market, suitable operating environments and associated maintenance requirements;
- Understand how the solution will keep up to date with new technological advancements in the telecoms market e.g. as new models or phones are introduced;
- Understand how this type of facility can be used securely and safely in NR Stations;
- Understand the reliability of the solutions and how performance is measured, including user satisfaction measures;
- Understand the current innovation within the marketplace to support NR in developing requirements for any potential future tender activity;
- Identify any additional capabilities or concepts that NR have not considered – this information can then be used to support NR in developing its requirements for any potential future tender activity;
- Identify indicative costs of the solutions available and how these are securely charged to the user; and
- Understanding the commercial models of each business.

Please note that any content received in response to this RFI will be used purely for

information purposes only and will not be deemed as forming part of any proposed bid now, or any potential future tender.

NR may be looking to tender this requirement in the near future. Any potential tender event in relation to this requirement will be issued via the NR procurement platform – Bravo which can be found at the following link:

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>.

Please note any discussions which do occur will cease immediately should a formal competition ultimately be announced. NR is committed to ensuring fairness, openness and transparency, and to following EU procurement regulations.

The Periodic Indicative Notice is issued solely for the purpose of conducting pre-procurement market engagement via a request for information and does not constitute any commitment to undertake any procurement in the future. Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to the PIN event and a response to this PIN does not guarantee any invitation to participate in this event or any future procurement.

This PIN does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services, supplies or works mentioned in this PIN and NR will not accept any proposals offered in response to this PIN.

II.2.14) Additional information

NR is not liable for any costs, fees, or expenses incurred by any party in replying to or attending any PIN event. Any procurement of any services, supplies or works by NR will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 September 2022

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