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Contract

CAF TSSSA Class 331 rolling stock units

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Direct award of a contract for the provision of technical support and spares supply (TSSSA) services that will be provided in the course of the Contracting Authority's maintenance of a fleet of 12 x 4-car and 31 x 3-car Class 331 electric multiple units and

associated equipment.

The Service Provider will be the Supplier of all spares and consumables required for the maintenance and overhaul of the fleet. The services started on 01/04/25 and will continue for a period of 10 years.

Under this agreement, the Service Provider shall provide:

- the Spares Supply Services during the Maintenance Period (period from the Commencement Date to the termination or expiry of this Agreement)
- the Initial Technical Support Services from the Commencement Date until the ITSS Expiry Date (01/04/2027)

- the Secondary Technical Support Services from the ITSS Expiry Date until the expiry of the Maintenance Period.

The Service Provider shall provide:

- the Spares Supply Services at the Depot;
- the Technical Support Services, Secondary Technical Support Services and Additional Services at such location as shall be necessary in the context of the services being provided at any location within the Northern Network.

The Spares Supply Services include, but are not limited to:

The Service Provider's responsibility for the management and delivery of all Spares to the point of delivery, including any requirements relating to delivery at the Depots, including:

- establishing the levels of Spares to be held to allow the Operator to maintain the Units in revenue earning service;
- the setting up of suppliers and supply chains to maintain the provision of Spares;
- procuring all Spares (other than the Owner Owned Spares);
- the logistics required to support the Spares supply; and
- the repair, overhaul and replacement of any Spares

The Service Provider will be responsible for the provision of all staff required to support the provision of the Spares, including:

- procurement personnel;
- logistics personnel;
- supply chain managers;

and any related management or supervisory staff.

Under Technical Support Services the Service Provider shall provide the Operator with professional engineering and technical support and advice to support the Operator's operational requirements.

The contract may be novated or assigned by Northern Trains Limited to Train Operating Companies, or to DFT Operator Limited (company number: 07141122) or any successor

parent company to a Train Operating Company, following a corporate restructuring or similar circumstance.

Where used throughout this notice, the meaning of Train Operating Companies includes all and any of those train operating companies who, currently or in the future, provide services for the carriage of passengers by railway:

- a) under a franchise agreement with the Secretary of State within the meaning of section 23(3) of the Railways Act 1993 or
- b) under, or secured under, the Secretary of State's duty in section 30(1) of the Railways Act 1993; or
- c) in accordance with legislation which supersedes or amends the powers referred to in a) and b), including where such powers are transferred from the Secretary of State to another body.

The list of current providers of services for the carriage of passengers by railway under these provisions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-register-of-rail-passenger-contracts>.

This Notice replaces the previously issued notice: 2025/S 000-017764, as it contains further information on this Agreement.

Contract 2

Supplier

- CAF RAIL UK LIMITED

Contract value

- £93,414,000 excluding VAT
- £112,096,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

31 March 2025

Contract dates

- 1 April 2025 to 1 April 2035
- 10 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34620000 - Rolling stock
- 34630000 - Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock; railways

traffic-control equipment

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Maintenance Plan	Eversholt, NTL and CAF UK are to undertake a joint review of the Maintenance Plan and agree a Variation to optimise the Maintenance Plan. Joint review to be conducted no later than 6 months after the Commencement Date (1 October 2025).	12 months

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Initial Technical Support Services	Eversholt, NTL and CAF UK are to agree an implementation plan for achieving the transition of the Initial Technical Support Services to the Secondary Technical Support Services ("the Service Transition") and a set of performance measures. Plan to be agreed within 3 months of the date of the Agreement (30 June 2025).	12 months
Joint Spares and Maintenance Management	Eversholt, NTL and CAF UK are to establish the Joint Spares and Maintenance Management System Protocol. Protocol to be agreed within 3 months of the Commencement Date (1 July 2025).	12 months

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

CAF are the original equipment manufacturer for this type of fleet. CAF therefore have all the technical knowledge around how this train was designed and manufactured. They have the supply chain in place that covers spares and overhauls and own certain IPR and have certain know-how. As part of the supply of technical services CAF are providing support for our on-board systems including software updates and integration with the TCMS (Train Control Management System).

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZCJ-2164-HJQZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government