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Award

Provision of Onboard IoT SIM Cards and Data Services

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Northern Trains Limited intends to directly award British Telecommunications Limited the contract for the supply of SIM cards and data provision services. This decision is based on our established partnership with British Telecommunications Limited, which already supplies various data sources integral to Northern's operations.

Northern Trains Limited operates fleets of trains equipped with sophisticated hardware that relies on onboard routers to facilitate seamless communication while in transit. To ensure the continued functionality and operational efficiency of these systems, as well as Northern's comprehensive data management infrastructure, it is imperative to maintain compatibility with the SIM cards provided by British Telecommunications Limited. Following an evaluation process, alternative Mobile Network Operators were found incapable of meeting Northern's commercial requirements for maintaining the existing routers on our fleet nor meet the technical requirements for interoperability and the essential availability required by our systems.

This direct award to British Telecommunications Limited is essential for ensuring uninterrupted service provision and maintaining the high standards of service and reliability that our passengers expect and deserve.

Contract 1

Supplier

- BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Contract value

- £2,457,600 excluding VAT
- £2,949,120 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

9 May 2025

Standstill period

- End: 20 May 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

22 May 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 May 2025 to 21 August 2030
- 5 years, 3 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

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London

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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

Contract 1

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