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Planning

Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU), European Train Control System (ETCS) GRIP 4 -8 Delivery, Market Consultation No. 2 - Capacity, Route to Market, Contract & Commercial

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU), European Train Control System (ETCS) GRIP 4 -8 Delivery, Market Consultation No. 2 - Capacity, Route to Market, Contract & Commercial

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34632000 - Railways traffic-control equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Overview:

Further to the issue of Prior Information Notice 2021/S 000-011765 on 26th May 2021, and the one-to-one sessions held with suppliers week commencing 21st June 2021, Network Rail now wishes to hold a second phase of market engagement which will take place over the time period 2nd September to 17th September 2021.

Briefing Pack:

This second Market Engagement exercise will launch with the release of a briefing pack by Network Rail on 2nd September 2021 via BravoNR. This briefing pack will provide the market with an overview of TRU, the potential future requirement for ETCS capability under the programme, and current thinking on how this capability may be procured.

Questionnaire:

The briefing pack will also pose a series of questions to the market to seek feedback on subjects such as capacity to deliver ETCS works, the possible route to market and the intended contracting mechanism and commercial model.

Suppliers will be asked to consider these questions and provide written responses to Network Rail via BravoNR by no later than 5pm on 9th September 2021.

One-to-one Sessions:

Furthermore, suppliers will be asked to book a one-to-one session with Network Rail week commencing 13th September 2021 to discuss its written responses. These sessions will be held via Microsoft Teams. The timeframe for booking a one-to-one session also concludes at 5pm on 9th September 2021, and these too should be booked via the Bravo NR messaging facility.

For this session, please come prepared to discuss your written responses. Following review of the written responses – Network Rail may choose to focus on certain topics from the questionnaire at the one-to-one sessions. These topics will however be consistent across all suppliers.

Please note that attendance at the one-to-one sessions is limited to 8 persons per supplier – attendees and their titles should be confirmed to Network Rail at the time of booking the session.

If your organisation is interested in participating in this second market engagement phase, please confirm this via the BravoNR messaging facility by 5pm on 31st August 2021 and monitor BravoNR for the briefing pack release on 2nd September 2021.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34632200 - Electrical signalling equipment for railways
- 34632300 - Electrical installations for railways
- 34942000 - Signalling equipment
- 34942100 - Signal posts
- 34942200 - Signalling boxes
- 34943000 - Train-monitoring system
- 48140000 - Railway traffic control software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This update to Prior Information Notice 2021/S 000-011765 is being published to invite the market to take part in a second phase of market engagement. As noted above, this phase is being held for intelligence gathering purposes only, to understand the market's capacity to deliver ETCS works and for Network Rail to receive feedback on the proposed route to market, intended contract mechanism and commercial model to be adopted.

The intelligence received will better inform Network Rail's options when determining the nature of any future procurement however, there is no guarantee that any information acquired by Network Rail in this exercise will play any part whatsoever in any decision by Network Rail on whether or not to procure any particular goods, works or services.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please be advised that all discussions at the market engagement session will be centred around the topics noted above. Network Rail will not be discussing future opportunities, or any other aspects related to TRU and/ or ETCS delivery.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

13 December 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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Any information received from the market will be considered as confidential. Please be advised that upon review of the intelligence Network Rail may or may not use all/ any of the information for the purposes of future planning in the digital rail space.

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice and any responses relating to it, do not serve as a call for competition. Any comments, indications of interest, participation or non-participation by any organisation at this stage will not influence the process, selection or award decision for any future possible procurement or any future market engagement, nor will it be taken as an organisation's committed position.