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Contract for West Coast Partnership Rail Services. Currently operated by First Trenitalia West Coast Rail Ltd

THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-020422

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for West Coast Partnership Rail Services. Currently operated by First Trenitalia West Coast Rail Ltd

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for provision of long distance rail services on the UK conventional mainline rail system. They serve the key cities of London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Edinburgh and Glasgow. It is envisaged the services would run between:

- (a) London Euston to Lichfield Trent Valley, Crewe, Preston and Glasgow Central;
- (b) Lichfield Trent Valley to Macclesfield and Manchester Piccadilly;
- (c) Crewe to Wilmslow and Manchester Piccadilly;
- (d) Crewe to Chester, Wrexham General and Holyhead;
- (e) Crewe to Liverpool Lime Street;
- (f) Preston to Blackpool North;

(g) Carlisle to Edinburgh;

(h) London Euston to Coventry, Birmingham New Street, Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury;

(i) Wolverhampton to Stafford; and

(j) Birmingham New Street to Wolverhampton, Stafford, Crewe and Glasgow or Edinburgh.

There is a mixture of leisure, business and commuter travel. These services would be similar to those currently operated on the West Coast Partnership franchise. It is envisaged that the contract would also encompass the provision of rail services on HS2 (initially between Old Oak Common in London and Curzon Street in Birmingham and potentially between London Euston and Crewe), and will also include the performance of services in relation to the planning and preparation of HS2 rail services.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2020/S 217-534166](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1) Information to be changed or added

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.2.7

Place of text to be modified

Envisaged start date and the duration of the contract

Instead of

Date

1 April 2022

Read

Date

16 October 2022

Section number

II.2.7

Place of text to be modified

Envisaged start date and the duration of the contract

Instead of

Text

Duration in months: 72

Read

Text

Duration in months: 120

Section number

II.2.4

Place of text to be modified

Description of the procurement

Instead of

Text

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There is a mixture of leisure, business and commuter travel. These services would be similar to those currently

operated on the West Coast Partnership franchise. In addition the contract may also include

provisions to

support the planning and preparation of services and works for HS2, for example to minimise disruption to

passengers.

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VII.2) Other additional information

This notice is published in order to update (and to rectify) the previous prior information notice related to the West Coast Partnership Direct Award, which was published on the contracting authority's website on 31 March 2021. That previous notice had envisaged that the start date of the Direct Award would be 1 April 2022.

The start date of the Direct Award is now envisaged to be 16 October 2022.

The envisaged duration of the Direct Award remains as described in the previous notice: up to 10 years in total, which may be made up of a core term and one or more optional periods with the option(s) exercisable by the Secretary of State for Transport.

It is currently anticipated that the grant of any Direct Award as envisaged in this notice will follow on from the expiry of the franchise agreement entered into by the Secretary of State and First Trenitalia West Coast Rail Limited on 28 August 2019 (the "Franchise Agreement"), as varied by the Emergency Recovery Measures Agreement ("ERMA") entered into by the parties on 19 September 2020.

The expiry date of the ERMA, which was entered into in compliance with Article 5(5) of Regulation 1370/2007, and of the underlying Franchise Agreement, is being extended from 1 April 2022 to 16 October 2022 by exercise of the Secretary of State's contractual right to extend.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to proceed with the Direct Award as envisaged or to use an alternative method to procure an operator for the contract