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Planning

Contract for Great Western rail services. Currently operated by First Greater Western Limited

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

T01: Prior information notice for public service contract

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Section I: Competent authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the competent authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for Great Western rail services. Currently operated by First Greater Western Limited

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

Areas covered by the public transport services:
Rail transport services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60210000 - Public transport services by railways

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKI - London

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Commuter and intercity rail services including high speed train services between London (Paddington), South Wales, the Cotswolds, the South West of England, and rural services.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Contract for provision of local, regional and long distance passenger rail services on the Great Western rail system. There is a mixture of leisure, business and commuter travel. These services would be similar to those currently operated on the Great Western Franchise.

II.2.7) Envisaged start date and the duration of the contract

Start date

26 June 2022

Duration in months

72

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

Direct awards for railway transport

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Additional information

It is anticipated that the contract will have a duration in the region of three to six years in total and this is likely to include a core period of three years with an optional additional period or periods exercisable at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority.

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.

Without limiting that, it is currently anticipated that the grant of any Direct Award as envisaged in this notice will follow on from the completion of certain termination arrangements in respect of the extant franchise agreement entered into by the Contracting Authority and First Greater Western Limited on 29 March 2020 (the "Franchise Agreement").