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Planning

OLE Steel Works

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Network Rail (NR) have a requirement to purchase a range of steel products that are used to support Overhead Line Equipment (OLE). We previously advertised a Prior information notice under the Utilities Contract Regs – ref 2024/S 000-033811(OCID) pocds-h6vhtk-04add published 18 October 2024.

This notice asked for suppliers to respond to a pre-market engagement questionnaire. This notice seeks additional information from interested parties.

Network Rail own, operate, maintain and develops the railway infrastructure in England, Scotland and Wales. Our purpose is to connect people and goods with where they need to be. We support our country's economic prosperity and contribute to the objectives of the UK and Scottish Governments.

Our role is to run a safe, reliable and efficient rail network and our vision is to deliver a simpler, better, greener railway for our customers and communities.

We currently buy Steelwork for electrification specific applications and will be tendering for new suppliers to meet this requirement.

To inform the sourcing strategy we undertook the questionnaire to understand Supplier capability and insights.

The scope of this procurement includes steelwork for electrification specific applications as detailed in UKMS, UKMS 1, UKMS2, OLEMI and GEFf designs SCO:

- Steelwork Foundation - Tubular Steel Piles
- Structural Steelwork – In the forms of masts and spans (booms, portals and other structures spanning the track) to which OHLE is attached.
- Small Part Steelwork uncontrolled – Components to enable OHLE equipment to be attached to the structures.
- Small Part Steelwork controlled – Various clips and clamps used to secure items to the structures as well as supporting OHL Wire, these are often casted items. Products on this Lot require Product Acceptance (PA), NR can sponsor suppliers through this process.
- Fixings – Electrification specific fixings and fasteners to secure the electrification structures.

Total value (estimated)

- £140,000,000 excluding VAT
- £168,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 October 2026 to 26 October 2032
- Possible extension to 26 October 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment
- 34946120 - Railway materials
- 44212300 - Structures and parts
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 May 2025

Engagement process description

If you would like further information on this procurement event, please email the below email address with your contact information and we will respond with an a indicative timeline of the procurement and more details and outcomes of the previous market engagement which was conducted and how this is shaping the procurement strategy.

Additionally you will also be asked a small number of questions relating to the strategy which will be used to help finalise a few remaining points.

Many thanks

DRTSProcurement@networkrail.co.uk

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

11 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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