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Planning

Instrumented Rail Clamp System Requirements. Wales & Western Region

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/toolkit/notice/edit.do?noticeId=1229031&viewPage=1#fh>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Instrumented Rail Clamp System Requirements. Wales & Western Region

Reference number

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34946000 - Railway-track construction materials and supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this document is to set out the system and user requirements for a Instrumented Rail Clamp.

Rail clamps have been widely used in the UK rail network to join unwelded sections of rail for many decades. The purpose of the rail clamp is to temporarily provide a robust joint between two sections of rail, until it is possible to weld the rail sections together. Whilst a rail clamp is in place, it is required to be monitored at 24-hour intervals to ensure the integrity and safety of the joint. The inspection specifically requires assurance that the joint deflection, rail to rail gap and clamping force has not exceeded the limits set in Network Rail track standards.

The aim of this specification is to deliver a system that meets all standards relating to rail clamps and track mounted components which also can be maintenance free. It must deliver a safe and secure clamped rail joint.

If applicable the solution can be integrated into an already product approved clamp. It must be able to reliably transmit data that can be used to aid the application of understanding the condition of the joint, to remove the requirement of physical/manual inspection of the temporary clamp.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34946000 - Railway-track construction materials and supplies

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Wales & Western Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The full Procurement exercise is for the supply of an Instrumented Rail Clamp System. The exercise is expected to include the following Procurement events:

1. PIN (current);
2. Pre-Qualification Questionnaire; and
3. Invitation to Tender.

It is expected the 3 best Pre-Qualification Questionnaire responses, scored on set criteria and weightings will be carried on to the tender list. However this may be subject to change based on the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire event outcome.

II.2.14) Additional information

Network Rail anticipates the system will be in place during its Control Period 7 (1st of April 2024 - 31st March 2029), and beyond.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 July 2023

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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