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## **Rail Replacement Bus Services**

MERSEYRAIL ELECTRICS 2002 LIMITED

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

<https://www.merseyrail.org/>

Buyer's address

<https://me-2-procure.org/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://me-2-procure.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://me-2-procure.org/MerseyrailElectrics/DisplayModules/TradeModules/Negotiations/Opportunities/ViewOpportunityEvent.aspx?EventID=539&Culture=en-GB>

**I.6) Main activity**

Railway services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Rail Replacement Bus Services

Reference number

MEL71-2023

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Merseyrail is seeking a proven Supplier for the Rail Replacement Bus Services Contract. The Supplier must have an excellent track record in the provision of Rail Replacement Bus Services within the Transport Industry (preferably Rail) which is of a similar size to Merseyrail.

The deadline for expressions of interest is the 17th of August at 12:00 Noon and the deadline for the Selection Questionnaire submissions is the 31st of August at 12:00 Noon.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The aim of this Procurement is to deliver an effective rail replacement bus service during both planned and unplanned disruptive events affecting the normal operation of Merseyrail timetabled rail services.

MEL provides train services to a total of 68 (sixty-eight) stations, increasing to 69 (sixty-nine) with the introduction of Headbolt Lane in 2023, in the Merseyside region and is responsible for the delivery of the services to all of these stations.

The stations consist of a combination of surface stations and sub-surface stations. The surface stations may be staffed by MEL or may be unstaffed. Details of the surface and sub surface and staffed and unstaffed stations will be provided in the Tender Documentation as an Appendix.

MEL's new Train Station, Headbolt Lane which will be located north of the existing Kirkby Station, is due to open in 2023. The Contractor must be aware that they will be responsible in providing services to this location once opened throughout the life of the Contract. The Contractor must provide indicative pricing for Headbolt Lane based on these assumptions:

- Station will be similar in size to our existing station Kirkby and the car park will be similar in size to Birkenhead North.

Merseyrail operates a regular interval timetable and trains are every 15 (fifteen) minutes and 5 (five) minutes in the city centre. The timetable reduces at 19:00 hrs on most lines to every 30 (thirty) minutes. A reduced Sunday service operates. Timetable details will be provided within the Tender Documentation as an Appendix.

The opportunity will be let to provide Rail Replacement Bus services for a duration of 3 years with options to extend for a further 1 x12 months or until the end of the Merseytravel Concession in 2028.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

#### Description of renewals

Merseyrail have the option to extend for a further 12 months or until the end of the concession (20th of July 2028).

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The Customer intends to limit the volume of Bidder's which are eligible for the ITT stage to a minimum of four (4).

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

#### Description of options

The opportunity will be let to provide Rail Replacement Bus services for a duration of 3 years with options to extend for a further 1 x12 months or until the end of the Merseytravel Concession in 2028. However, in the event the concession with Merseytravel is extended beyond July 2028, Merseyrail reserve the right to extend the contract in 12 month increments to a Maximum of 2 year from the original expiry date.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

All vehicles provided on this contract must be Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (PSVAR) compliant.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

17 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

17 October 2023

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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