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Award

British Rail Class 15x Alternator supply, overhaul and spares

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

British Rail Class 15x Alternator supply, overhaul and spares

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34600000 - Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

There are three aspects to the agreement to be awarded.

1. The Supply of 10 new alternators as per the current design installed across Northern's 15x fleets. These spares will help reduce the strain on the available alternators that have to go through repairs which in turn means less units are stopped awaiting alternator repairs which increases unit availability.

2. Provisions to buy required spares for general maintenance that Northern are responsible for undertaking.

3. Provisions for overhauls and warranty repairs carried out by Elite in line with their procedures covering;

1. Mid-life overhaul

2. Full life overhaul

3. Casualty Repair/ In-Warranty Repairs

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Elite KL are the OEM & designer of the alternator that has been installed across NTL's 15x fleet in line with the Rolling Stock Owners (ROSCO) instructions.

As to ensure the 15x fleets can operate in service the alternator has to be operational and therefore Northern are looking to contract with Elite to provide various services. There are three aspects to the agreement to be awarded.

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The agreement will expire 31/03/2027 in line with Northern's current "service agreement". The current leases for the 15x are being extended in line with the requirement forecasted for when new trains will be introduced circa 2030 and therefore the 15X fleets will most likely be extended until the new trains are introduced. As such there will be 3x 12 month extension options within the contract allowing for the agreement to be extended in line with the fleet requirement if necessary.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Under UCR Reg50 "Use of the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition" Clause C (ii) "competition is absent for technical reasons" applies as to why NTL has to award a contract directly to Elite without prior call for competition. Under this clause there are various reasons as to why Elite are covered;

1. Technical Uniqueness: The required goods and services have been designed by Elite and specified by the owner of the trains NTL is operating. As NTL doesn't own our trains but leases them we are therefore obliged to use the equipment specified. As such only Elite are able to supply the alternator.

2. Exclusive Rights: Elite holds various copyrights and IPR that prevent other suppliers from offering the same product or service.

3. Technical Expertise: Elite possess the required level of technical expertise, know-how, and specialized knowledge to maintain, overhaul & repair the alternators linked with point two above.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 July 2024

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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