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ETCS Spares Agreement for NMT

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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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

ETCS Spares Agreement for NMT

Reference number

37744

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

The procurement is for spares for the ETCS (European Train Control System) deployed within Network Rails' Infrastructure Monitoring fleet, specifically in the NMT (New Measurement Train). A direct award framework to the OEM of the parts is planned due to a lack of compatibility of other manufacturer's parts.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £420,218.67

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A series of electronic parts are required for spares to be deployed with Network Rail's NMT (New Measurement Train) for ETCS (European Train Control System) functionality. A fixed number of guaranteed spares is not known, estimates however have been produced with the view to setting up a framework with the OEM for the supply of these.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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:

The current ETCS (European Train Control Systems) in the Network Rail NMT (New Measurement Train) is of a Thales Ground Transportation Systems Ltd design using their parts.

A spares contract does not exist for the spares for this system, so Network Rail wishes to establish a framework for the foreseeable life of the NMT (initial term until 31/03/2029 with two 1 year extension options). This would allow the purchase of spares for Network Rails stores for use in the event parts are not covered by warranties.

Whilst other suppliers of ETCS systems exist in the market, Network Rail technical experts have confirmed their parts are not compatible with current systems, therefore a direct award to the current OEM of this framework is required.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Contract No

TBC

Title

ETCS Spares Agreement for NMT

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS UK LIMITED

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

03132438

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £420,217.67

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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