

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/024460-2023>

Award

Supply of 'Green' Steel Rail Trial

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-024460

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f580

Published 21 August 2023, 10:30am

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

Waterloo General Offices

London

SE1 8SW

Contact

Garry Pyne

Email

garry.pyne@networkrail.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1908781000

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

2904587

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.networkrail.co.uk

Buyer's address

www.networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk

I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of 'Green' Steel Rail Trial

Reference number

36709

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

Trial supply of one trainload of steel rail manufactured using Electric Arc Furnace (Green Steel)

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: £826,098.17

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Delivery shall be made to the Long-Welded Rail Depot at Eastleigh, UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of a one-off trial supply of R260 (60E2 profile) steel rails, produced using Electric Arc Furnace (Green Steel), for the purpose of research and development

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Form of Tender and Compliance Statements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Price - Weighting: 100

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 contract involved is purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development under the conditions stated in the directive
- 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:

Primarily Regulation 50 (1) (b) where a contract is purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development and not for the purpose of securing a profit or of recovering research and development costs, and insofar as the award of such contract does not prejudice the competitive award of subsequent contracts which do seek, in particular, those ends. The award of this contract meets this criteria because in order for the contracting authority to meet its intended carbon reduction requirements, it needs to understand the technical differences between EAF and non-EAF steel particularly from a welding perspective. The contracting authority also needs to validate a viable logistics supply chain to our welding plant at Eastleigh. The contracting authority requires this green steel rail to demonstrate if fully 'green' track renewals can be a viable option in the future. The goods are being supplied at cost.

Secondarily Regulation 50 (1) (c) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for the following reason—

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons - detailed market engagement carried out in the context of Network Rail's overall steel sourcing strategy has confirmed that Saerstahl is the only manufacturer currently supplying "green" steel in Europe that has been manufactured using an electric arc furnace.

Future supplies of steel rail both EAF and non-EAF will be secured under advertised competitive tender where possible.

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

1

Title

'Green' Steel Rail Trial

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 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

Saarstahl Rail SAS

R.C.S.

THIONVILLE APE

2410Z-TVA FR

Email

alex.mccann@amtrackgroup.com

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

National registration number

08391575354

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £826,098.17

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

High Court

7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane

London

EC4A 1NL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.find-court-tribunal.service.gov.uk

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

C&P, 1st Floor, Loughton Building, Quadrant MK, Elder Gate

Milton Keynes

MK9 1EN

Email

garry.pyne@networkrail.co.uk

Telephone

+44 908781001

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

www.networkrail.co.uk

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

.