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## **Provision of Helicopter Services to Deliver Aerial Survey Work**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Railway Infrastructure

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of Helicopter Services to Deliver Aerial Survey Work

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

- 60440000 - Aerial and related services

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

Services

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

Network Rail is seeking to put in place a contract for the provision of helicopter services to deliver aerial survey work across its national infrastructure and estate.

The contract will provide Network Rail with access to helicopter-based survey capability nationally, across its Regions, with service availability 365 days per year between the hours of 0700 and 1900.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34000000 - Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation
- 34711000 - Helicopters and aeroplanes

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

National

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

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Network Rail has used helicopters to survey its assets and create aerial pictorial maps of the railway infrastructure since 2004.

Currently, this capability is delivered by two, twin engined helicopters, one covering Scotland (flying 600 hours p/a) and one covering England and Wales (flying 450 hours p/a).

Network Rail provides the Aerial Survey Specialists that accompany each flight.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

20 November 2023

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Further information covering the anticipated technical specifications for this requirement is available on request and it is strongly suggested that interested parties consider these requirements.

The Information covers:

Aircraft Requirements and Availability

Pilot Availability and Competence Profile

Sensors, Camera Equipment and Systems

Provision of Personal Protective Equipment

Provision of Information Technology

Flight Bases and Facilities requirements

Requests for further information and any questions or clarifications in respect of this RFI should be addressed to [Graham.Holbrook@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:Graham.Holbrook@networkrail.co.uk)

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