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Driver Advisory Systems Across Northern Train's Fleets

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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Scope

Description

This is an extension to an original agreement which covered the provision of a Driver Advisory System (DAS) installation across Northern's CAF and Legacy Fleets.

The scope of work covered under the Contract was;

- Upgrade of existing Hardware fitted to CAF fleet with Audio Operating System
- Provision and installation of Driver Advisory System Software to Legacy fleets
- Build and configure back office reporting system

The purpose of this notice is to cover an extension of term for the Continued Hosting & Support of DAS across the fleets to continue to support Northern's trains in service.

Contract 1

Supplier

- TTG Technology Europe Limited

Contract value

- £2,097,256 excluding VAT
- £2,516,707 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 May 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 May 2025 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 10 months, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

3 X 1 year extensions subject to agreement by both parties

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 63711000 - Support services for railway transport

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The primary focus of this contract is to support the Class 195 and 331 fleets, which were manufactured by CAF. The hardware installed on these units-and the associated systems-were selected and implemented by the train builder as part of the original vehicle specification. As such, Northern Trains Limited (NTL) is obligated to maintain these systems to ensure continued compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.

The systems are proprietary to the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), as such the contract is required to ensure that the back-office and hosting support remains active. These services are bespoke to the OEM and protected by intellectual property rights (IPR), limiting Northern's ability to seek alternative solutions.

A secondary aspect of the contract covers the legacy fleet of approximately 260 units. Although these trains are fitted with OEM-specific hardware, the software has not gone live across these fleets. Northern is not in a position to undertake a full-scale replacement due to the high cost and potential disruption to passenger services. The original installation programme has taken over five years and remains incomplete for some units.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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