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Award

Research and Development of a Railhead Adhesion System

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

Research and Development of a Railhead Adhesion System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34940000 - Railway equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Research and development of a railhead adhesion system to be

fitted to Northern Trains Limited's trains intended to provide more reliable and consistent braking in low adhesion conditions

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Research and development of a railhead adhesion system to be

fitted to Northern Trains Limited's trains intended to provide more reliable and consistent braking in low adhesion conditions. The purpose of this fleet fitment is to provide the rail industry with operational evidence for the effectiveness of water addition in mitigating low adhesion.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Award a contract directly as this approach is allowed under the UCR's where restrictions on the use of IPR do not trigger a requirement to conduct a new OJEU-compliant tender process.

We believe in this circumstance the following is applicable:

Regulation 50.(1) Utilities may use the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition in the following cases-

(c) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons -

(iii) the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights*

*noting that this applies where no reasonable alternative or substitute exist.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

27 July 2022

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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