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## **Rail Systems & Other Requirements**

GCRE Ltd

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0374a0

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

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

GCRE Ltd

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Manchester

M33AA

#### **Email**

[tamara.evans@gcre.wales](mailto:tamara.evans@gcre.wales)

#### **Telephone**

+44 7590603692

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://gov.wales/global-centre-rail-excellence-wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA81204](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA81204)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Other type

Subsidiary Company of the Welsh Government

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Railway Technology Testing Facility

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Rail Systems & Other Requirements

Reference number

GCRE\_Proc\_00003

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

- 45234000 - Construction work for railways and cable transport systems

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

Works

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

GCRE is embarking on an ambitious project to design and build a new rail test track facility in South Wales. Procurement potentially may include works associated with passive rail systems (including but not limited to permanent way, overhead line electrification, civils works etc), active rail systems (including but not limited to signalling, SCADA, power, telecoms etc), fencing, depot and buildings related requirements and bulk purchase of materials. These may be split into Lots or a number of Contract Notices depending on final strategy.

This PIN is an invitation to a Market Engagement/Meet the Buyer event to inform and consult with prospective suppliers about the opportunities, to discuss current thinking and innovation and ensure that GCRE is in the best possible position to launch formal procurement process(s) in early 2023.

Date: 2nd November 2022

Time: starting at 1:30pm

Location: City Hall, Cardiff

Registration details can be found via the following link

<https://directory.railbusinessdaily.com/directory/gcre/>

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 34632000 - Railways traffic-control equipment
- 34632200 - Electrical signalling equipment for railways
- 34632300 - Electrical installations for railways
- 34940000 - Railway equipment
- 34941000 - Rails and accessories
- 34946000 - Railway-track construction materials and supplies
- 34946200 - Railway-track construction supplies
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork
- 45234100 - Railway construction works
- 45234112 - Railway depot construction work
- 45234115 - Railway signalling works
- 45340000 - Fencing, railing and safety equipment installation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45000000 - Construction work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45222000 - Construction work for engineering works except bridges, tunnels, shafts and subways

- 45232210 - Overhead line construction
- 45234000 - Construction work for railways and cable transport systems
- 45234116 - Track construction works
- 45234130 - Ballast construction works
- 45234140 - Level crossing construction works

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Nant Helen, Onllwyn, Neath Port Talbot, South Wales

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

The Global Centre for Rail Excellence (GCRE) is embarking on an ambitious project to design and build a new rail test track facility. The centre is an imaginative and ambitious c.GBP250 million infrastructure project transforming a former open cast mine and washery site into a purpose-built, modern and dynamic test facility for international rail innovation, offering leading-edge research and development facilities. It will have infrastructure and rolling stock testing and R&D facilities which will create innovation opportunities to complement the testing offering. Located in South Wales at a site located on land within the local authorities of Powys and Neath Port Talbot, GCRE will be a purpose built, modern facility with the potential to transform the railway industry in the UK, make a significant socio-economic impact in Wales, and contribute to the UK Government's rebalancing agenda by delivering much-needed investment to a deprived area and stimulate the UK's research, development and innovation (RDI) capabilities.

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

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

16 January 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: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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