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Tender

Rail Grinding for Network Rail (High Speed)

NETWORK RAIL (HIGH SPEED) LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

Project_41285

Description

Network Rail (HS) Ltd seeks a High-Speed Grinding service to maintain both Plain Line and Switch & Crossing (S&C) sections of the HS1 infrastructure, primarily during summer maintenance campaigns. The work will also include grinding in ballast and slab track tunnels to enhance rail performance, extend asset life, and control issues such as rolling contact fatigue, corrugation, and spalling. The service will be carried out using specialist grinding vehicles on both up and down lines to restore rail head profile and ensure the long-term integrity of the track.

Further scope documentation will be provided via BravoNR.

Total value (estimated)

- £7,400,000 excluding VAT
- £8,880,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2026 to 30 November 2028
- Possible extension to 30 November 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

4 one year contract extensions to the initial contract period of 2 years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50220000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to railways and other equipment

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

4 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html> and search for pqq_3709

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 April 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 November 2031

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
ITT Invitation To Tender	Technical Envelope Technical Submission and Methodology - 53% Outline Programme - 10% Contract Organisation - 5% QHSE - 15% Social Value - 17%	Quality	60%
ITT Invitation To Tender	Commercial Envelope	Price	40%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

This is a single-stage tender procedure, which suppliers will be invited to following a PSQ stage - PSQ (Procurement Specific Questionnaire) followed by a Tender (ITT) stage.

There will be a PSQ for all participants and the top 3 PSQ scoring responders, who score over 50% will be invited to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage. Tenderers who are invited to the ITT stage will have their bid evaluated using a 60% Technical, 40% Commercial criteria. The highest scoring Tenderer will be awarded the contract.

All Participants are required to review all tender documents for full details.

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government