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## **Half-life overhaul and upgrade of electronic control system of rail vehicle transfer wagon serial no 8552.**

Translink

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.6) Main activity**

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Half-life overhaul and upgrade of electronic control system of rail vehicle transfer wagon serial no 8552.

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34621000 - Railway maintenance or service vehicles, and railway freight wagons

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The contract awarded to Scheuerle will be for the overhaul and upgrade of rail vehicle transfer wagon serial no. 8552, which was manufactured and supplied by Scheuerle to Translink in March 2000.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

York Rd Rail Depot Belfast

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

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#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

Translink is not aware of any similar rail vehicle transfer wagon within Ireland or Great Britain.

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## **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:

- absence of competition for technical reasons

#### Explanation:

Scheuerle Fahrzeugfabrik GmbH (Scheuerle) build bespoke machines for the movement of large and unusual loads. In 1999 Translink/NI Railways procured a machine from Scheuerle for the movement of vehicles into and out of their Workshops located at York Road, Belfast – this machine was delivered in March 2000 and has been in consistent use since. The machine now requires a half-life overhaul as it has been in service for over twenty years, and a recent inspection report by Scheuerle indicated that a number of components are life expired and require replacement to ensure the ongoing availability of the machine. The Scheuerle inspection also indicated that the electronic system used to control the rail transfer wagon is now obsolete. The electronic control system is bespoke to Scheuerle, and they have replaced this system on all of the other rail vehicle transfer wagons throughout the world. The rail vehicle transfer wagon is critical piece of equipment for NI Railways as it enables the movement of rail carriages, and carriage bogies into/out of their workshop to facilitate passenger carrying rolling stock heavy overhaul programs and ongoing safety critical component overhauls.

Without the ability to continue to undertake this work the fleet of NI Railways passenger vehicles would have to be withdrawn from service to maintain passenger safety. Due to the fact that the rail vehicle transfer wagon was designed and built by Scheuerle, and the electronic control system is a bespoke design, to ensure the ongoing safe operation of the machine, and therefore ensuring the safety of NI Railways staff and passengers using NI Railways trains, the overhaul and upgrade of this machine must be completed by Scheuerle. Translink believe that due to the technical specialism of the rail vehicle transport, and the bespoke design of it by Scheuerle, that the award of the overhaul to Scheuerle is compliant with Utilities Contract Regulations 2017 Regulation 50(1)(c)ii. Using Translink's specialist knowledge of the rail transport business in UK and Ireland, and the fact that the control system of the Rail Transfer Wagon is bespoke to Scheuerle, NI Railways does not know of any other company who could undertake the overhaul and electronic control system replacement while still guaranteeing the safe operation of the machine post overhaul.

#### **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 V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Title**

Half-life overhaul and upgrade of electronic control system of rail vehicle transfer wagon serial no 8552.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 November 2021

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

Internet address

<http://www.scheuerle.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country

United Kingdom