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## **Network Rail Eastern Midland Main Line Electrification Partnership Framework**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=57084>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=57084>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Railway services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Network Rail Eastern Midland Main Line Electrification Partnership Framework

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

#### II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail (NR) intends to select suppliers to the Midland Main Line Electrification (MMLE) Partnership Framework for an initial term of 5 years with the option to extend yearly increments up to a further 5 years.

The MMLE programme will extend electric operation on the MML through to Nottingham and Sheffield. To help realise early electrification benefits Route Section (between Market Harborough to Wigston South) has been delivered separately from the remaining route sections as a continuation of the existing programme. The scope of this procurement is for the next stage of the electrification between Wigston and Nottingham out to Sheffield. The values for each Lot are estimates only. As such, they are not guaranteed and do not act as a minimum or maximum work value for the programme nor a guarantee as to volume.

One key MMLE objective is 'delivery on spend per single track kilometre (£/STK) target'. The recently commissioned London to Corby electrification was delivered at a rate of £3.7m per STK with the application of SPEED principles. The next stage of electrification is targeted to deliver £2.5m per STK. This programme focuses on challenging and driving down the STK rate. Details of all the MMLE objectives can be found in the Strategic Brief.

The Framework shall be split into the 4 work disciplines across the following delivery lots: Lot 1 – Power & Distribution; Lot 2 – Structures & Civils; Lot 3 – OLE & Integration; Lot 4 – Signalling & Telecoms. The values for each Lot are estimates only. As such, they are not guaranteed and do not act as a minimum or maximum work value for the programme nor a guarantee as to volume. There will be 1 Partner plus 2 pre-qualified reserve suppliers appointed to Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 on the framework. Reserve suppliers have been included to achieve appropriate resilience in delivery and to ensure business contingency. Tenderers may bid for any number of lots, and be awarded on a maximum of 2 different lots.

The Partnership Framework includes a performance-based incentive mechanism to drive the STK rate and achieve the other MMLE objectives, including health and safety, decarbonisation and social value. Partners will be incentivised both individually and collectively.

There will be an opportunity to comment on the contractual documentation. NR will determine which, if any, changes should result in revisions to the Framework based on the objective merit of the proposed changes. Further detail is set out in the Instructions to Participants. The contractual documentation will not be subject to negotiation. The negotiations will relate to the price element only. Participants will have an opportunity to update their tenders following negotiations. Initial Tenders will be evaluated but feedback will not be shared with participants. Only feedback on Final Tenders will be shared.

Please note, that the value ranges of each Lot in the Instructions to Participants are indicative only. Similarly, whilst the Contract Notice states a Framework value cap of £1.2bn, NR currently has internal governance approval for a Framework value of £950 million (associated with the main elements of the MMLE works as currently envisaged). The higher value included in the Contract Notice is not an absolute cap but is indicative of the potential level to which the original budget could increase if additional works and services to that which is currently envisaged, are required. All values are estimates only, and the final values will depend on the precise works and services required to be delivered, the means of delivery, the way in which projects and project risks materialise, the actual rates of inflation up to completion of the programme, and other factors.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

4

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Power & Distribution

Lot No

1

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

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The project includes for wiring the existing route configuration and at the existing line speeds.

The works described within this Lot are deemed to include all supporting activities required to deliver the works including but not limited to:

- Site establishment
- Delivery and storage of equipment (access, RRAPs where required)
- Enabling works
- De-vegetation
- Surveys (intrusive or otherwise)
- Road closures
- Traffic management

- Passenger Management
- Managing specialist sub-contractors
- Supporting integration of all works through to hand back
- Working collaboratively with the client team, other interfacing contractors and projects, design consultants engaged by the client, rail industry partners and stakeholders.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £125,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework will be 5 years with an option, to extend in yearly increments up to a further 5 years.

### **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**

The lot value is for guidance only and is based on the projected spend for the 10 year framework duration.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Structures & Civils

Lot No

2

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

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The works described within this Lot are deemed to include all supporting activities required to deliver the works including:

- Site establishment
- Delivery and storage of equipment (access, RRAPs where required)
- Enabling works
- De-vegetation
- Surveys (intrusive or otherwise)
- Road closures
- Traffic management
- Passenger management
- Managing specialist sub-contractors
- Supporting integration of all works through to hand back
- Working collaboratively with the Client team, other interfacing Contractors and projects, design consultants engaged by the Client, rail industry partners and stakeholders.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,400,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework will be 5 years with an option, to extend in yearly increments up to a further 5 years.

**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**

The lot value is for guidance only and is based on the projected spend for the 10 year framework duration.

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Overhead Line Equipment (OLE)

Lot No

3

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

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The works described within this Lot are deemed to include all supporting activities required to deliver the works including but not limited to:

- Site establishment
- Delivery and storage of equipment (access, RRAPs where required)
- Enabling works
- De-vegetation
- Surveys (intrusive or otherwise)
- Road closures
- Traffic management
- Passenger Management
- Managing specialist sub-contractors
- Supporting integration of all works through to hand back

- Working collaboratively with the client team, other interfacing Contractors and projects, design consultants engaged by the client, rail industry partners and stakeholders.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £450,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework will be 5 years with an option, to extend in yearly increments up to a further 5 years.

#### **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**

The lot value is for guidance only and is based on the projected spend for the 10-year framework duration with estimated uplifts.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Signalling & Telecoms

Lot No

4

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

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The works described within this Lot are deemed to include all supporting activities required to deliver the works including but not limited to:

- Site establishment

- Delivery and storage of equipment (access, RRAPs where required)
- Enabling works
- De-vegetation
- Surveys (intrusive or otherwise)
- Road closures
- Traffic management
- Passenger Management
- Managing specialist sub-contractors
- Supporting integration of all works through to hand back
- Working collaboratively with the client team, other interfacing Contractors and projects, design consultants engaged by the client, rail industry partners and stakeholders.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework will be 5 years with an option, to extend in yearly increments up to a further 5 years.

### **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**

The lot value is for guidance only and is based on the projected spend for the 10-year framework duration with estimated uplifts.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Holding a PCL (an NR Principle Contractors Licence) is required by successful suppliers to provide works pursuant to the MMLE programme.

Lot 3 OLE Tenderers must hold a PCL from the outset. Applicants that do not hold a PCL must submit an application for one in order to be successful in this procurement.

For all other Lots suppliers who do not hold a PCL will be required to apply for one by the award date shown in specified in the Procurement Event Timetable set out in the Instructions to Participants or communicated through BravoNR (if these dates are not the same, the dates communicated through BravoNR shall take precedence).

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As detailed in the procurement documents.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 12

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 8 years:

Extended term is necessary due to: 1) upfront investment 2) Cultural/Organisational Alignment 3) Programme Flexibility 4) Working Practices 5) Standardisation 6) Skills Shortage.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-013856](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

1 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of England and Wales Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC1A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court of England and Wales Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC1A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NR will observe a standstill period following award of the MMLE Partner Framework. NR shall conduct itself in accordance with the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 in respect of any appeals.

Network Rail expressly reserves the right:

- (i) not to award or enter into any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by the publication of this notice;
- (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition;
- (iii) to award one or more public contract(s) in relation to part only of the requirements covered by this notice; and/or
- (iv) to award a contract(s) in stages.

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Cabinet Office

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