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Award

CT4326 MethodGrid

East West Rail Company Limited

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Scope

Reference

CT4326

Description

A digital project lifecycle management tool based on the principles of Network Rail's (NRs) Project Acceleration in Controlled Environments (PACE) tool.

Contract 1. Digital Project Lifecycle Management Tool

Supplier

- [method apps limited](#)

Contract value

- £1,388,100 excluding VAT
- £1,665,720 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 June 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 June 2025 to 16 June 2026
- Possible extension to 16 June 2035
- 9 years, 11 months, 29 days

Description of possible extension:

Annual extensions on the anniversary

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Annual Extension options during the term

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

n/a

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

This direct award is made under Section 41 of the Procurement Act 2023, on the basis that the selected supplier is the only provider capable of meeting the specific and complex requirements of the project, thereby ensuring value for money and continuity of delivery.

EWR Co. has determined these services can only be supplied by Method Apps for the following technical reasons:

- MethodGrid by Method Apps is the only digital project lifecycle tool that is pre-configured to the requirements of Network Rail's PACE system. This is a key requirement as a common software solution is required across Network Rail.
- EWR Co estimates that implementing a new (bespoke) system would result in approximately 9 months of complex redesign and modification which would result in significant duplication of effort, additional cost, delay to the EWR Co project and introduce significant risks around interoperability with the existing system.

Use of a pre-configured and readily available tool developed by NR eliminates risks around interoperability and duplication of technical efforts in developing and implementing a new system, providing better value for money for the taxpayer.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Digital Project Lifecycle Management Tool

Contracting authority

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