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## **Sustainability Framework**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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

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

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Rail Industry

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Sustainability Framework

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

This will be an open tender using an Expression of Interest parallel with a PQQ and then an ITT and will award a nil value framework for 5 years with the option to extend for 3 more years (1 +1+1) The Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) understands that sustainable development is the only way to keep on track to a better and more sustainable future. We have an ambitious Enterprise Sustainability Strategy 'Our Guiding Compass'. The TRU Sustainability Services Framework is designed to support the existing TRU Sustainability Team. Its purpose is to ensure that the TRU Sustainability Team has timely access to qualified and experienced sustainability professions, thereby enhancing their ability to adapt to evolving business demands.

The TRU Sustainability team requires resources to support with fulfilling specific responsibilities linked to discharging the sustainability requirements, managing the TRU Enterprise Level Sustainable Development Strategy, collecting and managing data for periodic reporting against the sustainability objectives and targets and undertaking assurance activities against the delivery partners. Additionally, sustainability support is required within TRU Central 'hub team'.

The Framework will serve as the default mechanism across TRU for engaging Sustainability Service Providers over the next five years, with the option to extend it for up to three additional years on an annual basis.

The Framework Agreement covers multiple sustainability disciplines, outlined below:

- Biodiversity and Ecology
- BREEAM (Sustainability Certification)

- Carbon
- Environmental Management
- Social Value
- Plus other disciplines which may be required in the future (Acoustics, Air Quality, Heritage, Landscape and Visual Impact)

TRU requires Sustainability Service Providers to support at two different scales:

- Programme Scale
- Project Scale (TRU Central - W2BC)

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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- Project Scale (TRU Central - W2BC) Description of the goods, services or works to be procured

Key aspects of the TRU Sustainability roles will include :

1. Lead and Develop Plans: Oversee and continuously improve the Biodiversity, Carbon, BREEAM, Environment and Social Value plans to achieve targets, including 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and carbon reduction across the TRU program.
2. Monitor and Update Strategies: Ensure the ongoing relevance and compliance of biodiversity and carbon management processes, and update them according to the latest DEFRA standards and other relevant guidelines.
3. Stakeholder Engagement: Collaborate with various stakeholders (TRU Delivery Partners, local authorities, special interest groups) to identify biodiversity offset and social

value opportunities and promote sustainability initiatives.

4. Support and Collaborate: Work with Network Rail and TRU Delivery Partners to align sustainability practices with the broader TRU Sustainability Strategy, focusing on environmental and social value outcomes.
5. Conduct Training and Reporting: Develop and deliver training programs on sustainability and coordinate regular reporting on sustainability performance, including Power BI and other tools.
6. Chair and Lead Forums: Organize and lead forums (e.g., Biodiversity Forum, Carbon Reduction Forum, Social Value Forum, BREEAM Forum) to drive performance and share best practices in sustainability.
7. Manage Data and Compliance: Ensure accurate data management and reporting using appropriate tools and respond to reporting requests from Network Rail and DfT.
8. Support Strategic Initiatives: Contribute to the development of the TRU Sustainability Strategy, including appraisals and business case inputs, ensuring alignment with NR/L2/ENV/015 and other key requirements.
9. Identify Best Practices: Recognise and celebrate sustainability successes within the TRU program, promoting best practices and continuous improvement.
10. Ensure Certification and Assurance: Manage sustainability certifications (e.g., BREEAM Infrastructure), coordinate reviews, and assure deliverables related to sustainability certifications and standards.
11. Undertake environment and social assurance activities to monitor legal compliance and strategy and standard compliance

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

25 November 2024

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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: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This PIN seeks to raise awareness the forthcoming Sustainability Framework opportunity that is to be launched via Bravo. Should you wish to be included in the PQQ please ensure that you are currently enrolled onto our system.

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>. pqq\_3527 Sustainability Framework . This should allow you to add you the supplier onto the project however if you are unable to do so please email Rebecca

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