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Award

Network Rail North West & Central Region CP7 Frameworks: Framework Category D

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Network Rail North West & Central Region CP7 Frameworks: Framework Category D

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail has put in place a number of frameworks for Control Period 7 (CP7) for the delivery of capital works in the North West & Central Region. These frameworks are divided into categories and separate Contract Award Notices relate to each of them. On 12 February 2024 Network Rail concluded ten (10) service contracts with the Participants (as defined below) under Framework Category D.

Framework Category D relates to the delivery of “minor and reactive works” relating to planned, unplanned and cyclical maintenance requirements, with discipline specific lots for Civil Engineering and Buildings, across different geographical areas within the North West & Central Region (the “Region”). This notice contains further detail of the ongoing use of

Framework Category D in line with the originally advertised scope.

The Participants are Amalgamated Construction Ltd, QTS Group Ltd, Construction Marine Ltd, J Murphy & Sons, CK Rail Solutions Ltd and JSS Rail Limited.

The scope of works carried out under Framework Category D are:

- Provision of emergency response capability to be able to have an initial on-site presence & response not greater than 2hrs notice (Note: Does not apply to all lots, see section II.2 for more detail on each lot)
- Survey, investigation, and testing
- Outline and detailed design (including temporary works)
- Implementation
- Enabling works for inspections and assessments
- Demolition
- Booking of possessions, isolations, and road closures
- Statutory consents and permissions
- If directed by Network Rail, third party access agreements

The works to Network Rail's assets may also incorporate inspection, maintenance, repair, partial or whole renewal.

Network Rail appointed suppliers to this Framework Category D across two discipline lots and geographical sub-lots as follows:

Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

Lot D1 (O-C) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical) across the full Region: 2 Suppliers

Lot D1 (R) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical) across the full Region: 2 Suppliers

Buildings

Lot D2 (NW) Buildings in North West Route area only: 3 Suppliers

Lot D2 (C&WCS) Buildings in combined Central Route and West Coast South Route areas only: 3 Suppliers

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £242,348,077

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot D1 (O-C) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

Lot No

D1 (OC)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45221122 - Railway viaduct construction work
- 45221242 - Railway tunnel construction work
- 45234100 - Railway construction works
- 45234114 - Railway embankment construction work
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Network Rail's North West & Central Region (comprising the North West Route, Central Route and West Coast South Route).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Network Rail has appointed two regional framework suppliers to deliver a proportion of the civil engineering (structures and geotechnical) minor works and reactive workbank across the Region.

The scope of works which Network Rail may require comprises:

- Provision of emergency response capability to be able to have an initial on-site presence 7 response not greater than 2hrs notice.
- All trades generally associated with civil engineering works on or around the railway infrastructure and its associated surroundings. Including all works associated with structural asset fabric and finishes.
- Survey, investigation, and testing
- Outline and detailed design (including temporary works)
- Implementation
- Enabling works for inspections and assessments
- Demolition
- Booking of possessions, isolations, and road closures
- Statutory consents and permissions
- If directed by Network Rail, third party access agreements

These Works are to be performed in connection with the following categories of assets, incorporating inspection, maintenance, repair, partial or whole renewal to parts of:

- Bridges (underbridges, overbridges, footbridges, property rafts)

- Viaducts
- Tunnels
- Walls (boundary, retaining and acoustic barriers)
- Drainage including culverts
- Structures and works associated with river, coastal and estuarine defences
- Earthworks (soil embankments, soil cuttings, rock cuttings and associated drainage works)
- Mining (mine workings, shafts and adits)
- Ancillary structures (e.g. foundations, support structures, access roads, fencing, gates, steps)

Each order under the framework agreement will be categorised by Network Rail to detail the required response time as follows:

- Emergency – Attend within 2 hours from receipt of order
- Urgent – Attend within 24 hours from receipt of order
- Routine – Attend within 7 days from receipt of order
- Programmed – As stated on the order

Service will be throughout a 24 hour period, 7 day week, 365 days per year and will include necessary cover during annual and public holidays.

The two suppliers are required to have adequate persons to respond to the needs of the works and ensure that the operatives are skilled in the appropriate trade or trades to enable prompt resolution of any particular defect notified to the relevant supplier. The suppliers are also required to have access to plant hire and material supplies to fulfil this requirement.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework is 3 years (following a 2 month mobilisation period) with an option, subject to each supplier's performance during the initial term and on-going Network

Rail requirements, to extend for a further period of up to 2 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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot D1 (R) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

Lot No

D1 (R)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45221122 - Railway viaduct construction work
- 45221242 - Railway tunnel construction work
- 45234100 - Railway construction works
- 45234114 - Railway embankment construction work
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Network Rail's North West & Central Region (comprising the North West Route, Central Route and West Coast South Route).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Network Rail has appointed two regional framework suppliers to deliver a proportion of the civil engineering (structures and geotechnical) minor works and reactive workbank across the Region.

The scope of works which Network Rail may require comprises:

- All trades generally associated with civil engineering works on or around the railway infrastructure and its associated surroundings. Including all works associated with structural asset fabric and finishes.
- Survey, investigation, and testing
- Outline and detailed design (including temporary works)
- Implementation
- Enabling works for inspections and assessments
- Demolition
- Booking of possessions, isolations, and road closures
- Statutory consents and permissions
- If directed by Network Rail, third party access agreements

These Works are to be performed in connection with the following categories of assets, incorporating inspection, maintenance, repair, partial or whole renewal to parts of:

- Bridges (underbridges, overbridges, footbridges, property rafts)
- Viaducts
- Tunnels
- Walls (boundary, retaining and acoustic barriers)

- Drainage including culverts
- Structures and works associated with river, coastal and estuarine defences
- Earthworks (soil embankments, soil cuttings, rock cuttings and associated drainage works)
- Mining (mine workings, shafts and adits)
- Ancillary structures (e.g. foundations, support structures, access roads, fencing, gates, steps)

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- Programmed – As stated on the order

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework is 3 years (following a 2 month mobilisation period) with an option, subject to each supplier's performance during the initial term and on-going Network Rail requirements, to extend for a further period of up to 2 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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot D2 (NW) Buildings

Lot No

D2 (NW)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 71320000 - Engineering design services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Network Rail's North West & Central Region (comprising the North West Route, Central Route and West Coast South Route).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Network Rail has appointed three framework suppliers to deliver a proportion of the Buildings minor works and reactive workbank across the North West Route area. This is a geographical sub-lot comprising the North West Route. Network Rail is not intending to appoint a regional framework supplier for this framework discipline as part of Framework Category D.

The scope of works which Network Rail may require comprises:

- Provision of emergency response capability to be able to have an initial on-site presence & response not greater than 2hrs notice.
- All trades generally associated with buildings works on or around the railway infrastructure and its associated surroundings. Including all works associated with buildings fabric, finishes, and associated external structures or surroundings.
- Survey, investigation, and testing
- Outline and detailed design (including temporary works)
- Implementation
- Enabling works for inspections and assessments
- Demolition
- Asbestos management and removal
- Booking of possessions, isolations, and road closures
- Statutory consents and permissions
- If directed by Network Rail, third party access agreements

These Works are to be performed in connection with the following categories of assets, incorporating inspection, maintenance, repair, partial or whole renewal to parts of:

- Stations (assets contained within such as buildings, platforms, footbridges, train sheds, canopies)
- Light maintenance depots
- Maintenance delivery units
- Critical lineside buildings (signal boxes, route operating centres, relay rooms)
- Non-critical lineside buildings
- Supply chain operations sites
- Car parks, footpaths, and hardstanding
- Walls (boundary, retaining and acoustic barriers)

- Drainage including culverts
- Equipment and systems contained within the assets listed above, including M&E systems, air handling units, fire systems, safe access systems, CCTV/auto gates /bollards and shutters, gas/oil fired heating systems, air conditioning and ventilation, electrical power and lighting installations, water distribution systems, electrical & plant equipment.

Each order under the framework agreement will be categorised by Network Rail to detail the required response time as follows:

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- Urgent – Attend within 24 hours from receipt of order
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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the framework is 3 years (following a 2 month mobilisation period) with an option, subject to each supplier's performance during the initial term and on-going Network Rail requirements, to extend for a further period of up to 2 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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot D2 (C&WCS) Buildings

Lot No

D2 (C&WCS)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 71320000 - Engineering design services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Network Rail's North West & Central Region (comprising the North West Route, Central Route and West Coast South Route).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Network Rail has appointed three framework suppliers to deliver a proportion of the Buildings minor works and reactive workbank across the combined Central Route and West Coast South Route areas. This is a geographical sub-lot comprising the combined Central Route and West Coast South Route areas. Network Rail is not intending to appoint a regional framework supplier for this framework discipline as part of Framework Category D.

The scope of works which Network Rail may require comprises:

- Provision of emergency response capability to be able to have an initial on-site presence & response not greater than 2hrs notice.

- All trades generally associated with buildings works on or around the railway infrastructure and its associated surroundings. Including all works associated with buildings fabric, finishes, and associated external structures or surroundings.

- Survey, investigation, and testing
- Outline and detailed design (including temporary works)
- Implementation
- Enabling works for inspections and assessments
- Demolition
- Asbestos management and removal
- Booking of possessions, isolations, and road closures
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Options: Yes

Description of options

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This notice provides an update to the value of the Framework Category D service agreements entered into by the Participants. Each Participant is a party to a separate agreement with Network Rail which is entered into in accordance with the terms of the originally advertised scope.

As part of the original competitive procurement process the Contract Notice stated that the Category D frameworks relate to the delivery of “minor and reactive works” each with a value up to 100k GBP. The estimated total value of the framework was 229,000,000 GBP. The procurement documents made clear that the initial detail provided of the value was an estimation only. The full scope and extent of the relationships between the Participants was clearly detailed in the Contract Notice and in the accompanying procurement documents, and was not linked to or to any extent constrained by the indicative cumulative estimates of value provided.

The Contract Award Notice also noted that the estimated total value was based on Network Rail’s current forecast of future spend under the frameworks. The Contract Award Notice noted that the values are Network Rail’s best estimate based on currently available information, and in particular that any third party spend is not certain at the stage the Contract Award Notice was published.

The Contract Award Notice also noted that the final value of the frameworks may be higher or lower.

Given the nature of the works required under Framework Category D, and as envisaged by the original procurement documents, the estimated individual value set out in the Contract Notice has to be increased, and so, in the interests of transparency Network Rail publish this voluntary ex ante transparency (“VEAT”) notice. Network Rail intend to increase the overall value of the contracts awarded under Framework Category D; and

The individual value for each contract awarded under Framework Category D will be subject

to a new limit of 300k GBP. It is also currently anticipated that the total value of the procurement (excluding VAT) for the remainder of the initial term of 3 years and optional 2 years' extension per contract may increase to 242,348,077.00 GBP.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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: [2024/S 000-004654](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

Lot No: D1 (O-C)

Title

Lot D1 (O-C) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

Amalgamated Construction Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D1 (O-C)

Title

Lot D1 (O-C) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

QTS Group Ltd

South Lancashire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D1 (R)

Title

Lot D1 (R) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

Construction Marine Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D1 (R)

Title

Lot D1 (R) Civil Engineering (Structures & Geotechnical)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

J Murphy & Sons

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D2 (NW)

Title

Lot D2 (NW) Buildings

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

Amalgamated Construction Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D2 (NW)

Title

Lot D2 (NW) Buildings

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

CK Rail Solutions Ltd

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D2 (NW)

Title

Lot D2 (NW) Buildings

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

JSS Rail Limited

St Albans

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D2 (C&WCS)

Title

Lot D2 (C&WCS) Buildings

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

Amalgamated Construction Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D2 (C&WCS)

Title

Lot D2 (C&WCS) Buildings

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

CK Rail Solutions Ltd

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

D2 (C&WCS)

Title

Lot D2 (C&WCS) Buildings

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 February 2024

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

JSS Rail Limited

St Albans

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Find a Tender website: Find a Tender (find-tender.service.gov.uk)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

London

WC2A 1AA

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>