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Tender

FW125 Change Management, System Safety, Interoperability, and Associated Services

Translink

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Scope

Description

Translink is a trading name used by any one or more of the companies under the ultimate ownership of the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHC) as parent company which owns Citybus Limited (which also trades as 'Metro'), Flexibus Limited, Ulsterbus Limited, Translink (NI) Limited, NIR Networks Limited, Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited and NIR Operations Limited. The aim of this procurement exercise is to establish a Framework for the provision of Change Management, System Safety, Interoperability and Associated Services to support the delivery of Translink's programme of capital and maintenance works. We wish to appoint 7 Suppliers onto each of the below 2 Framework Lots. • Lot 1: Change Management, CSM and Authorisations (5 Active and 2 Reserve Suppliers) • Lot 2: Change Management, CSM and Associated Services (5 Active and 2 Reserve Suppliers) The duration of this Framework will be a maximum of 8 years in total - a 4-year initial term with the option to extend by a further 48 months. No individual extension will be granted for a period longer than 24 months and any extension will be at the discretion of the Client. Any values provided for lots are indicative ONLY and are subject to change throughout the framework term. The anticipated commencement will be Quarter 2 2026. Your response must be submitted via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) on the eTendersNI portal.

Instructions on how to submit your response can be found within the Interactive Walkthrough on the eTendersNI Homepage. No other method of submission will be accepted.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £7,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2030
- Possible extension to 31 May 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

48 month initial term with options to extend up to 48 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79417000 - Safety consultancy services
 - 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
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Lot 1. Change Management, System Safety and Interoperability Authorisation

Description

Change Management, System Safety and Interoperability Authorisation Delivering Change Management and Compliance with Safety and / or Interoperability Regulations

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Change Management, System Safety and Associated Services

Description

Change Management, System Safety and Associated Services

Delivering Change Management, Consultancy Support and Associated Services.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

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Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Change Management, System Safety and Interoperability Authorisation

Lot 2. Change Management, System Safety and Associated Services

Refer to etendersni portal

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

18 July 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.etendersni.org.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 May 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 June 2029

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Cost	40%	Cost
Quality	60% including social value	Quality
Price	60% including social value	Price
Technical	Including Social Value	Quality

Weighting description

Cost/Quality

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

2 Stage Procurement exercise - Call for competition with qualification stage

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

PME was conducted in February 2025 under Utility Regulations 2016. As conducted before Procurement Act was live, there was no requirement to publish a PME notice.

Contracting authority

Translink

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTMT-7134-NRMV

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland