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Planning

## On Track Plant Safety Systems

Translink

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ad5f

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### Section I: Contracting entity

#### I.1) Name and addresses

Translink

Procurement Department

Belfast

BT2 7LX

#### Contact

Neil Bowers

#### Email

[neil.bowers@translink.co.uk](mailto:neil.bowers@translink.co.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Urban railway, tramway, trolleybus or bus services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

On Track Plant Safety Systems

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Translink are seeking to engage with contractors to procure a turnkey solution for the design, supply, installation, approvals, and commissioning of various safety systems for two tampers and a ballast regulator.

Interested contractors will be invited to

Translink operate an On Track Plant fleet, including vehicles that run in operational traffic as well as possession only equipment such as Railroad Vehicles (RRV). The On Track Machine (OTM) fleet that operates in traffic includes two tamping machines and a ballast regulator as well as a Multi-Purpose Vehicle (MPV).

On the Translink railway network, the below vehicles are not currently fitted with relevant safety systems and therefore the need has been identified to retrofit TPWS and AWS to these vehicles as well as other safety systems where feasible such as DRA and OTMR.

Machine Description Function Year

08 Tamper Tamping & Lining (PL and S&C) 1994

08 Compact Tamper Tamping & Lining (PL and S&C) 2002

USP5000 Regulator Profiling ballast 2002

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Translink is seeking to engage with the marketplace during early late October and early November 2024.

Companies wishing to participate must make themselves known to [neil.bowers@translink.co.uk](mailto:neil.bowers@translink.co.uk)

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Suppliers registering their interest in participating in this exercise should note that: 1. This Notice is to initiate a market engagement and information gathering exercise and does not indicate the start of a procurement exercise. It is instead intended to act as an informal market research document providing a brief synopsis of Translink's future requirements. This document is not intended to provide a definitive list of requirements. 2. We intend to invite interested suppliers to present to a range of Translink personnel and discuss

various safety systems for two tampers and a ballast regulator and the solutions they can offer. 3. This document is not a tender specification nor request for quotation. Translink is merely investigating market opportunities at this stage without entering any contractual or financial commitments. 4. Please note, progress in the project will be subject to the availability and timing of funding. If this requirement utilities are given financial approval, it will be tendered under the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016. Any documents, discussions, presentations, demonstrations, or clarifications submitted for this Market Research will not be considered as any part of the tender exercise. If Translink does decide to proceed with a competitive tender process, a separate detailed tender specification document will be produced as part of that process. 5. Nothing in this advertisement or any other documents or information provided by Translink or any of its advisers or agents is to be construed as implying a commitment by Translink to place any Contract, now or in the future with any participating supplier in respect of the requirement under consideration. 6. Translink takes no responsibility for any actions or decisions taken, costs incurred, or commitments made by interested parties in responding to this notice or by being involved in any subsequent discussions in this market engagement and information gathering exercise. 7. At this stage it is not possible to give an accurate timeframe for this requirement.

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

30 August 2025

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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

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

16 November 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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