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Award

Track Maintenance

NORTHERN TRAINS LIMITED

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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

Track Maintenance

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50225000 - Railway-track maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Track Maintenance across all NTL depot and outstations inline with Network Rail Line Standard RT/CE/S/037

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Main site or place of performance

Depot Location

Heaton Depot

Hull Botanical Gardens

Sheffield Depot

Skipton Depot

Newton Heath Depot

Blackpool Depot

Barrow Depot

Wigan Springs Branch Depot

Blackburn Depot

Longsight Depot

Preston Depot

Allerton

Manchester International Depot

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This work consists of routine track patrol Inspections every two weeks for each depot location specified including routine Day to Day track maintenance work in line with Network Rail Line Standard RT/CE/S/037. From here the works are categorized into the following;

1. Planned track maintenance renewals (Planned Maintenance Works)
2. Track Maintenance Work Repairs Arising (Unscheduled Repairs)

To capture the planned and unscheduled repairs and the live state of the track reporting is then provided which covers the following;

1. An Updated Track Condition Report each quarter
2. An Annual Track Maintenance Report

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

1st in Rail have been NTL's track maintenance provider from 2018 onwards however the contract in place has now lapsed without a permitted extension option. This direct award is to ensure that NTL remains protected by improved contract terms whilst necessary planned and unplanned safety critical works are undertaken to allow the depots to continue operating.

The contract being awarded is to provide 12 months cover which will allow for a long term solution to be developed, tendered and implemented. To allow for change within this 12 month contracted period, the contract has a 30 day termination for convenience provision included. This will allow NTL to exit the agreement early once a longer term solution has been planned for and rolled out.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 November 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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