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Award

Ticket Retailing Solutions

FIRST TRENITALIA WEST COAST RAIL 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

Ticket Retailing Solutions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

It is our intention to undertake an extension to an existing contract. The contract variation is for the extension of existing provision of 'at station' ticket issuing system capability and mobile ticket issuing system capability for an interim period of up to 2 years.

Such extension is to provide an interim solution and service continuity pending review and definition of the required longer term solution and subsequent procurement process.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of services in support of ticket retailing solutions to Avanti West Coast, for the continuation of the Ticket Issuing System deployed in ticket offices, on board trains, and on concourses.

The ticket issuing system is used to retail tickets and associated products in Booking Offices, Station concourses and On-board trains. Validation service for barcode tickets and reads ITSO smart cards connected to the RDG industry TMS system. The validation service is integrated with the Avocet retail system and is also available as a separate scanning app. Validation is essential for revenue protection.

Additional services including complimentary barcode tickets, barcode generation for staff passes, 1st class access system and Club Avanti passes and upgrades.

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:

This contract is to provide a ticket issuing system to retail tickets and associated products in Booking Offices, Station concourses and On-board trains and ; validation service for barcode tickets and reads ITSO smart-cards connected to the RDG industry TMS system.

Due to a number of factors not least industry reform, business continuity and system resilience, affordability and minimization of change impact, this contract award and extension is deemed to be the optimal approach to provide a sustainable solution for the period concerned as it is clear the change of contracting partner at this juncture would result in the supply having different technical characteristics which would result in incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance. This is due to the situation that the current service uses technology that is significantly integrated into many parts of Avanti's business, and to move the services away from the current service partner would involve significant technical migration and implementation activities. Any technical or software architecture changes would mean that there will be additional costs, along with lost commercial benefits due to supporting and or adding more than one system at this juncture. This contract extension will ensure business continuity as there will be no technical or operational disruption of the services.

The two-year contract extension is an interim solution pending further market review, analysis and testing which will consider influencing factors impacting future solutions, technologies, and business impact.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

18 October 2024

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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