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## **Railway Overhead Line Equipment Steel Structures**

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Railway Overhead Line Equipment Steel Structures

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 44212224 - Poles for carrying overhead lines

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail owns the railway infrastructure in England, Scotland and Wales. That's 20,000 miles of track, 30,000 bridges, tunnels and viaducts and the thousands of signals, level crossings and stations. We manage 20 of the country's largest stations, while all the rest – over 2,500 – are run by the train operating companies.

We will be tendering our requirement for OHLE Steel Structures and seeking engagement from the supply market to help inform our sourcing strategy. We are really interested in what you think as potential suppliers in the market, and we value any input you can give us. We have set out a number of questions that will help us to understand the steelwork fabrication market.

To assist Network Rail in our market engagement, we kindly request that you complete the questionnaire which can be found at the following location: <https://forms.office.com/e/5C5ZQfrX86>. Please could you respond to this questionnaire by 08/11/2024.

Any received responses will be used to help form the tender strategy. During this market engagement process, we may contact you to ask follow up questions, or seek feedback on various elements or options within the strategy. Additionally, we may seek to arrange site visits to further grow our understanding of the market.

Network Rail is committed to ensuring fairness, openness and transparency.

The Periodic Indicative Notice is issued solely for the purpose of conducting pre-

procurement market engagement and does not constitute any commitment to undertake any procurement in the future.

Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to the PIN event and a response to this PIN does not guarantee any invitation to participate in this event or any future procurement.

Any information shared by Network Rail, during the pre-procurement market engagement will be shared with all companies who respond to the PIN. It will also form part of the tender information and be shared with all interested parties at tender stage.

Network Rail is not liable for any costs, fees, or expenses incurred by any party in replying to or attending any PIN events.

Any procurement of any services, supplies or works by Network Rail will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Regulations 2023.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment
- 34946120 - Railway materials
- 44212300 - Structures and parts
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

We currently buy Steelwork for electrification specific applications as detailed in UKMS, UKMS 1, UKMS 2, OLEMI and GEF.

- Steelwork Foundation - Tubular steel piles

- Structural Steelwork - In the form of masts and spans (booms, portals and other structures spanning the track) to which OHLE is attached.
- Small part steelwork - Components to enable OHLE equipment to be attached to the structures.
- Clips and clamps - Various clips and clamps used to secure items to the structures as well as supporting OHL wire, these are often casted items.
- Fixings and fasteners - Electrification specific fixings and fasteners to secure the electrification structures.

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

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact [louise.billingham@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:louise.billingham@networkrail.co.uk) and [Philip.hunt@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:Philip.hunt@networkrail.co.uk)

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

16 June 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: Yes