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## **Contract for Cross Country rail services. Currently operated by XC Trains Ltd**

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

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### **Section I: Competent authority**

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

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

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LONDON

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#### **Email**

[railprocurement@dft.gov.uk](mailto:railprocurement@dft.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

### **I.4) Type of the competent authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Contract for Cross Country rail services. Currently operated by XC Trains Ltd

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60200000 - Railway transport services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

Areas covered by the public transport services:  
Rail transport services

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

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

- 60210000 - Public transport services by railways

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

NUTS codes

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

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Cross Country spans parts of England, Scotland and Wales, with its network centred at Birmingham New Street station; it serves both commuters and long-distance passengers. They serve the key cities of:

- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Cambridge
- Cardiff
- Edinburgh
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Newcastle
- Nottingham
- Oxford
- Plymouth
- Reading
- Sheffield

- Southampton

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

Contract for provision of commuter, regional and long-distance rail services on the UK conventional mainline rail system. It is envisaged the services will be substantially similar to those currently operated under the XC Trains Limited Rail Contract (dated 13 October 2020), but subject to route operating and Value for Money (VfM) review. It is envisaged the services would run between:

- Plymouth - Edinburgh via Leeds, with a limited service to and from Penzance - some services are extended to Glasgow via Motherwell and also to Dundee and Aberdeen;
- Reading - Newcastle via Doncaster;
- Bristol - Manchester;
- Bournemouth - Manchester via Coventry;
- Nottingham - Cardiff via Gloucester;
- Birmingham - Stansted Airport via Leicester and Peterborough; and
- Birmingham - Leicester local services.

A Direct Award is now envisaged, in line with the policy published in March 2013 issued further to Section 26 of the Railways Act 1993.II.1.4 (nature and quantity of services or indication of needs and requirements)

There is a mixture of leisure, business and commuter travel on these rail services.

#### **II.2.7) Envisaged start date and the duration of the contract**

Start date

15 October 2023

Duration in months

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

Direct award for railway transport

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Additional information**

The contract will be a core term of four years with available additional rail periods up to a maximum of eight years.