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Tender

## **Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service**

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0559a1 ([view related notices](#))

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

project\_42922, pqq\_3698, itt\_18064

### **Description**

Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service for Network Rail's Eastern Region to be based at Newark Northgate Sidings.

### **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £10,800,000 excluding VAT
- £12,960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 8 January 2026 to 7 January 2029
- Possible extension to 7 January 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for a further 3 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 50220000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to railways and other equipment

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

1

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

Prices are based on fixed rates with CPI. Annual orders will be instructed through the framework.

### **Award method when using the framework**

Without competition

### **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Participation**

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Participants must hold a valid Track Access Agreement

## **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

4 August 2025, 4:00pm

### **Submission type**

Tenders

### **Tender submission deadline**

18 August 2025, 4:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

6 November 2025

**Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 10 January 2028

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Commercial	Cost	70%
Technical	Quality	30%

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**Other information****Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Special regime**

Utilities

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

Procurement Specific Questionnaire will run concurrently with the tender.

The conditions of participation will be used to verify the eligibility of a Participant's bid being evaluated; it will not be used to shortlist suppliers.

### **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

This procurement event is to competitively tender for the continuation of a known requirement with an established scope.

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## **Documents**

### **Associated tender documents**

[Tender Notice Letter.pdf](#)

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## **Contracting authority**

### **NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED**

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