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Tender

Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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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

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)

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

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial	Cost	70%
Technical	Quality	30%

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.

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Tender Notice Letter.pdf](#)

Contracting authority

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