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Planning

Automated Workflows and Electronic Permit Solution

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

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Automated Workflows and Electronic Permit Solution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail (NR) wish to further understand the service and commercial options available for possible future Automated Workflows and Electronic Permit Solutions. Network Rail wishes to invite the market to engage with the opportunity and contribute innovation, experience, and delivery capability to the delivery of these services enabling NR to become an informed client.

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

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this RFI is to engage with the supply base and request information relating to existing solutions available in the market for automation and electronic permitry for planning, implementing and cancelling isolations on both AC and DC electrification networks, specifically this RFI will look to address the following areas:

- Identify the existing solutions available in the market
- Identify the functionality and capabilities of the software services available in the market together with integration capabilities with the current NR systems and processes for planning, implementing and cancelling isolations.
- Identify indicative costs of the software solutions available in the market
- Identify any additional capabilities that Network Rail may have not considered
- Understand what customisation options are available.
- Ensure suppliers who are interested in any potential future tender activity relating to this requirement are aware of the procurement platform that will be used, and provide them with the steps to complete qualification to this platform (should they not have already done so)

The responses to this Questionnaire will be reviewed to identify key market themes, to be shared internally with key stakeholders, to both further inform the sourcing strategy and subsequent procurement process should it be commenced. Insight from this exercise may also shape the service going forward.

Information contained within this document which is related to an eventual sourcing activity is subject to change and is to be used for information purposes only. NR does not bind or commit itself to any proposed model, milestones, or dates. The process that NR is adopting for this pre-procurement engagement with the market is intended to secure that the engagement does not have the effect of distorting competition and does not result in a violation of the principles of non-discrimination and transparency.

Should you wish to respond to this RFI please complete the attached document titled "Automated Workflows and Electronic Permit Solution – RFI Submission Template", this can be accessed via the link and instructions below.

- Follow the link - <https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>
- From the welcome screen, access the "View Current Opportunities" link and select "Pre-Market Engagement: Automated Workflows and Electronic Permit Solution RFI".
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Please note any discussions which do occur will cease immediately should a formal competition ultimately be announced. Network Rail is committed to ensuring fairness, openness and transparency, and to following UK procurement regulations. The Periodic

Indicative Notice is issued solely for the purpose of conducting pre-procurement market engagement via a request for information 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.

This PIN does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services, supplies or works mentioned in this PIN and Network Rail will not accept any proposals offered in response to this PIN. Network Rail is not liable for any costs, fees, or expenses incurred by any party in replying to or attending any PIN event. Any procurement of any services, supplies or works by Network Rail will be carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.

Network Rail may, at its own discretion, arrange several 1 hour meetings with suppliers to discuss their response and positions. Network Rail will not share any more information over and above what has already been shared as part of this process, and the outputs will be shared as part of the ITT process.

II.2.14) Additional information

Any questions or clarifications in respect of this RFI should be addressed to victoria.rampton@networkrail.co.uk

If Network Rail chooses to undertake sessions with selected suppliers, the Supplier will be contacted by victoria.rampton@networkrail.co.uk to arrange.

Network Rail would like to thank you in advance should you wish to respond to this Request for Information

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2025

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Once completed please send your submission document via email as attachment to victoria.rampton@networkrail.co.uk with the email subject "Automated Workflows and Electronic Permit Solution RFI". The response deadline for this RFI is the 4th December 2024 at 5pm

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