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Award

Replacement (Existing) Rolling Stock for Chiltern Railways

THE CHILTERN RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-041647

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0562f2 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Description

The contracting authority will enter into contracts with the supplier for the supply of existing rolling stock for use on the Chiltern Railways routes. These contracts will be for the leasing by the supplier to the contracting authority of the supplier's full fleet of Mark5A coaches and Class 68 locomotives, for operation by the contracting authority, with associated maintenance.

Contract 1

Supplier

- BEACON RAIL FINANCE (EUROPE) LIMITED

Contract value

- £300,000,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 July 2025 to 13 December 2035
- 10 years, 4 months, 14 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34600000 - Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts

Contract locations

- 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
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

On 22 December 2023 the contracting authority issued a contract notice - utilities with Notice reference 2023/S 000-037814 for the replacement of existing rolling stock. Beacon Rail Finance (Europe) Limited was the only supplier that could offer rolling stock units that meet the contracting authority's technical requirements of having units able to be utilised in fixed formations of 5 passenger vehicles to enter into passenger service from 31 March 2026 on a turnkey basis. Under the agreed contract terms, the supplier will be responsible for procuring preventative and corrective maintenance for the units on an interim basis for a period between contract award and 6 December 2026. This will cover services in respect of 4 units to be provided for the purposes of driver training and 3 units to enable passenger service commencement on 1 April 2026. The contracting authority will be responsible for certain train preparation, cleaning, fuelling and minor defect rectification services (as agreed from time to time between the contracting authority and the supplier's maintenance providers) during this interim period and will be a party to the interim service agreement in order to reduce interface risk with its self-delivered services and facilitate the performance and reliability of the units.

The contracting authority intends to carry out a separate procurement for the long-term provision of preventative and corrective maintenance over the remainder of the 144 month period.

Supplier

BEACON RAIL FINANCE (EUROPE) LIMITED

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

THE CHILTERN RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

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Organisation type: Private utility