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Tender

Comparative Review of Product Approval Processes in European Rail Infrastructure Organisations

Office of Rail and Road

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Scope

Reference

ORR/CT/25-37

Description

The objective of this project is to review and compare how selected European rail infrastructure managers manage the approval of new products, components, and technologies for use on their networks. The project will assess the governance, efficiency, safety assurance, responsiveness to innovation, and overall burden on suppliers, with the aim of identifying best practices and lessons that the ORR can use to inform oversight of Network Rail's product approval regime and regulatory expectations.

The outcomes will directly support ORR's preparation for PR28 by informing its ability to assess Network Rail's CP8 plans, scrutinise claimed innovation pathways, and assess how barriers to supplier entry are being addressed.

Total value (estimated)

- £55,000 excluding VAT
- £66,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 12 December 2025
- 3 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 August 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

21 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Quality 80%

Price 20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Bravosolution Joining Instruction for open tender.doc](#)

[ORR CT 25-37 Form of Agreement - Professional Services - DRAFT.docx](#)

[ORR CT 25-37 ITT Comparative Review of Product Approval Processes in European Rail Infrastructure Organisations.docx](#)

[ORR CT 25-37 Form of Tender - Fixed Fee.doc](#)

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Contracting authority

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