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Tender

OLE Steelworks

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Network Rail has a requirement to purchase a range of steel products that are used to support Overhead Line Equipment (OLE). The scope of this procurement includes steelwork for electrification specific applications as detailed in UKMS, UKMS 1, UKMS2, OLEMI and GEFF designs:

- Lot 1 Steel Piles - Tubular steel piles used for foundations.
- Lot 2 Steel Structures - In the forms of masts and spans (booms, portals and other structures spanning the track) to which OHLE is attached.
- Lot 3 Small Part Steel Uncontrolled - Components to enable OHLE equipment to be attached to the structures.
- Lot 4 Small Part Steel Controlled - Various clips and clamps used to secure items to the structures as well as supporting OHL Wire, these are often casted items. Products on this Lot require Product Acceptance (PA), NR can sponsor suppliers through this process.
- Lot 5 Fixings - Electrification specific fixings and fasteners to secure the electrification structures.

The proposed Framework(s) will be for an initial period of 6 years, with options to extend for a further two year period. Participants that are interested in Supplying Lot 1 Steel Piles and Lot 2 Steel Structures will be required to have capacity to purchase and store steel raw materials on behalf of Network Rail, and agree to the provision for a Vesting Certificate (a copy of which is contained in the Procurement Documents).

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £240,000,000 excluding VAT
- £288,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Main procurement category

Goods

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Steel Piles

Description

The provision of Steel Piles

Lot value (estimated)

- £70,000,000 excluding VAT
- £84,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 1 March 2033
- Possible extension to 1 March 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

by mutual agreement with the parties.

CPV classifications

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment

- 44210000 - Structures and parts of structures
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks
- 34946120 - Railway materials

Same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Steel Structures

Description

The provision of Steel Structures

Lot value (estimated)

- £99,000,000 excluding VAT
- £118,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 1 March 2033
- Possible extension to 1 March 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

CPV classifications

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks
- 34946120 - Railway materials
- 44210000 - Structures and parts of structures

Same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Small Part Steel Uncontrolled

Description

The provision of Small Part Steel Uncontrolled.

Lot value (estimated)

- £27,000,000 excluding VAT
- £32,400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 1 January 2033
- Possible extension to 1 January 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The agreement can be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

CPV classifications

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment
- 34946120 - Railway materials
- 44212300 - Structures and parts
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks

Same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Small Part Steel Controlled

Description

The provision of Small Part Steel Controlled.

Lot value (estimated)

- £31,000,000 excluding VAT
- £37,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 1 January 2033
- Possible extension to 1 January 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The agreement can be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

CPV classifications

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks
- 34946120 - Railway materials
- 44210000 - Structures and parts of structures

Same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Fixings

Description

The provision of fixings (for OLE)

Lot value (estimated)

- £13,000,000 excluding VAT
- £15,600,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 1 January 2033
- Possible extension to 1 January 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

CPV classifications

- 31682400 - Overhead electrical equipment
- 45223210 - Structural steelworks
- 34946120 - Railway materials
- 44210000 - Structures and parts of structures

Same for all lots

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

25

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

For all Lots prices will set at the start of the agreement and reviewed annually, following the competitive flexible procedure. For all Lots there is a direct award and mini competition process defined within the Procurement Documents. Prices set at Framework level are not to be exceeded rates, and successful suppliers may submit lower pricing to secure orders through the life of the framework.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 September 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

22 September 2025, 5:00pm

Electronic auction will be used

Yes

Submission address and any special instructions

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

pqq_3661 - OLE Steelwork Common to All Questions

pqq_3710 - OLE Steelwork Lot 1 Steel Piles Technical Questions

pqq_3719 - OLE Steelwork Lot 2 Steel Structures Technical Questions

pqq_3720 - OLE Steelwork Lot 3 Small Part Steel Uncontrolled Technical Questions

pqq_3721 - OLE Steelwork Lot 4 Small Part Steel Controlled Technical Questions

pqq_3722 - OLE Steelwork Lot 5 Fixings Technical Questions

All of the information and related documents are available via pqq_3661 -OLE Steelwork Common to All Questions

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 January 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 January 2033

Award criteria

Lot 1. Steel Piles

Lot 2. Steel Structures

Lot 3. Small Part Steel Uncontrolled

Lot 4. Small Part Steel Controlled

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Commercial | Price | 55% |

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| Technical | Quality | 25% |
| Health and Safety | Quality | 10% |
| Social Value | Quality | 10% |

Lot 5. Fixings

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| Commercial | Quality | 55% |
| Technical | Quality | 25% |
| Health and Safety | Quality | 10% |
| Social Value | Quality | 10% |

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

A procurement specific questionnaire will be issued to all interested parties, and after down selection, up to 6 participants will be invited to tender for Lot 1, up to 8 participants will be invited to tender for Lot 2 and Lot 3, up to 10 participants will be invited to tender for Lot 4 and up to 5 participants will be invited to tender for Lot 5.

Participants for Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be invited to e auctions as part of the tender process. No e auction will be held for Lot 4. Full details of the process are contained in the Instructions to Participants.

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Additional training material may be supplied to support Participants with the e auction. Any additional documents will be issued via the Bravo messaging function.

Contracting authority

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