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## **Area 3 Maintenance & Response (M&R) Contract 2021**

National Highways

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

National Highways

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Guildford

GU1 4LZ

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 03001235000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.nationalhighways.co.uk](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Area 3 Maintenance & Response (M&R) Contract 2021

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45233139 - Highway maintenance work

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

**II.1.4) Short description**

This VEAT Notice relates to a Deed of Variation to a National Highways' Maintenance and Response Contract. This Contract currently provides and undertakes all cyclical and reactive maintenance, incident response, defect rectification and severe weather delivery on the trunk roads and motorways within Hampshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and part of Buckinghamshire (National Highways Area 3) (the "Contract"). Duties also include maintenance of roadside technology, the provision of traffic management for the contractor, maintenance and incident response activities, and traffic management for others who may be working on the network.

The Contract is due to expire on 31st October 2029 and will be shortened to have a new

end date of 5th June 2028, this is in order to align with the procurement process for the next Maintenance & Response contracts.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £288,720,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 34923000 - Road traffic-control equipment
- 34993100 - Tunnel lighting
- 45221248 - Tunnel linings construction work
- 45233130 - Construction work for highways
- 45233140 - Roadworks
- 45233141 - Road-maintenance works
- 45233210 - Surface work for highways
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45316200 - Installation of signalling equipment
- 50230000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to roads and other equipment
- 50800000 - Miscellaneous repair and maintenance services
- 63712300 - Bridge and tunnel operation services
- 63712320 - Tunnel operation services
- 71300000 - Engineering services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Hampshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, part of Dorset, and part of Buckinghamshire  
(Highways England

South East Region Area 3)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Contract is one of a number of Maintenance & Response contracts which are part of a single procurement programme. For continuity and consistency there is a need for national alignment of the expiry date for all M&R contracts, to enable co-ordinated re-procurement. This means that the term of this Area 3 M&R Contract will be shortened and will have a new end date of 5th June 2028 instead of 31st October 2029. The amended Contract estimated value is £288,720,000.

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The modifications to the Contract fall within the permissible grounds set out under Regulation 72(1)(e) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 in that the modifications are not substantial within the meaning of Regulation 72(8) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 because:

This is a Contract shortening and does not render the Contract materially different;

The minor shortening of the Contract would not have changed the outcome of the original procurement as it would not have altered tenders or scores;

The shortened Contract will operate on the same terms and pricing so that this does not alter the economic balance of the Contract in favour of the contractor;

The change does not considerably alter the scope of the Contract as the works and services provided will remain unchanged; and;

This is not a change in contractor.

The Deed of Variation ensures continuity of service on the Strategic Road Network and aligns with National Highways' wider asset delivery and procurement strategy, thereby safeguarding public value and network integrity. The Contract is being shortened to better align with the re-procurement strategy for all Maintenance & Response contracts.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 205-500519](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

21 May 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Kier Highways Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £288,720,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

National Highways

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