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Planning

Maintenance and Response Contract (M&R) 2

National Highways

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Description

This notice relates to the replacement of the existing Maintenance and Response (M&R) contracts across the entire Strategic Road Network (SRN). The M&R contracts support the effective operation, maintenance and resilience of the network.

Maintenance and Response 2 (M&R2) will cover the Strategic Road Network (SRN), which is one of the biggest and most important pieces of infrastructure in the country. It comprises more than 4500 miles of motorways and major A roads which are at the core of our national transport system.

National Highways is looking for suitable contractors to provide and undertake:

- Cyclic maintenance
- Reactive maintenance
- Incident response
- Severe weather
- Operational roadside technology
- Asset renewal works

Maintenance & Response 2 is possibly going to be divided into two tranches, that may further include lots, although we are unable to provide specifics at this point, as it will not be defined until post market engagement. Further details can be found in the supporting Information Memorandum, and in any future UK4 Tender Notice and associated procurement documents once published.

The Information Memorandum can be found here:

<https://highways.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/NationalHighwaysProcurement-MaterialforExternalRelease/EZQ6PbrYIVtCj3Rt3mGliX4B6-ccn4ddhEEH0uABD5ilqQ?e=PCglYq>

In the aggregate, the M&R2 contracts are estimated to have an overall value of £8bn, inclusive of contingency, with an anticipated, contract duration of 8 years.

Total value (estimated)

- £8,000,000,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2028 to 28 February 2036
- Possible extension to 28 February 2037
- 9 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 34923000 - Road traffic-control equipment
- 34993100 - Tunnel lighting
- 45221248 - Tunnel linings construction work
- 45233130 - Construction work for highways
- 45233139 - Highway maintenance work
- 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

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 January 2026

Engagement process description

The current Maintenance and Response (M&R) contracts will begin to expire from July 2028. M&R2 is an exciting opportunity for existing and new suppliers who may be interested in bidding.

This UK2 Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is issued by National Highways, inviting suppliers to participate in market engagement activities to inform and shape the development of the overall strategy for the replacement of the Maintenance and Response contracts.

There will be a number of market engagement activities, including, but not limited to:

- A launch event to provide an overview of the forthcoming programme of works, on 18 September 2025. To attend this event, suppliers can sign-up by accessing the registration link here:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/8a07004a-d604-40aa-a045-69fc8d35ec11@29509fb2-7faf-4f8b-b7a2-32f96ec5de6c>

- A market engagement event, estimated to be January 2026, to engage with potential participants and gather market feedback and information to aid the development of M&R2

overall commercial and procurement strategy.

Our E-Sourcing Platform; Jaggaer, which will include any market engagement material and any correspondence, can be found by signing up here:

<https://nationalhighways.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

22 July 2027

Contracting authority

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