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Tender

Supply of Cables and Wires

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

project_42673

Description

Network Rail is responsible for maintaining the UK's railway infrastructure and has a requirement to buy a range of Cable and Wire products for use on its infrastructure. Most of the Goods required for this contract will be used by internal customers:

- Maintenance including Works Delivery, Network Rail's team responsible for maintaining railway infrastructure and Works Delivery, Network Rail's team responsible for enhancements and renewals of minor works packages.
- Overhead Condition Renewals (OCR), Network Rail's team that specialise in OLE renewal works.

- Projects, all located in the UK. Projects are specific programmes of work that are either enhancement or renewals of the railway infrastructure. Projects are delivered by their party contractors working alongside Network Rail's Capital Delivery Teams

The contract term for all lots shall be for an initial four (4) year period. At Network Rail's discretion this may be extended for up to two further two (2) year periods, a maximum total term of eight (8) years

This procurement is broken into 7 lots. Potential Suppliers may bid for any or all lots, and a maximum of three suppliers shall be awarded a contract for each lot. Suppliers ranked first, second or third in a lot shall be admitted to the framework and awarded a contract for that lot. Suppliers may be awarded a contract for any or all lots that they submit a bid for.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2030
- Possible extension to 30 June 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Extensions will be mutually agreed between Network Rail and Supplier(s)

Two, two year extensions are allowed, a total of 4 years (2 years + 2 years)

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

New items or updated versions of existing items, which are relevant to a specific Lot on the framework, may be added to the framework at any point during the term if required to meet Network Rail's operational needs

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34946120 - Railway materials

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. Interconnect Cable

Description

Lot 1 - Supply of Interconnect Cables

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Power and Signalling Cable

Description

Lot 2 - Power and Signalling Cable

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Axle Counter Cable

Description

Lot 3 - Axle Counter Cable

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Fibre-Optic Cable

Description

Lot 4 - Fibre-Optic Cable

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Telecoms Cable

Description

Lot 5 - Telecoms Cable

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Wire

Description

Lot 6 - Wire

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 7. Miscellaneous Cable

Description

Lot 7 - Miscellaneous Cable

Lot value (estimated)

- £146,000,000 excluding VAT
- £175,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

21

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

For all Lots prices will set at the start of the agreement and reviewed monthly, 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, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

19 September 2025, 12:00pm

Electronic auction will be used

Yes

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Lot 1: pqq_3755

Lot 2: pqq_3758

Lot 3: pqq_3759

Lot 4: pqq_4760

Lot 5: pqq_3761

Lot 6: pqq_3762

Lot 7: pqq_3763

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 May 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 June 2033

Award criteria

Lot 1. Interconnect Cable

Lot 2. Power and Signalling Cable

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical Experience	Quality	40%
Health and Safety	Quality	20%
Sustainability	Quality	20%
Sub-Contracting	Quality	10%
Quality	Quality	10%

Lot 3. Axle Counter Cable

Lot 4. Fibre-Optic Cable**Lot 5. Telecoms Cable****Lot 6. Wire****Lot 7. Miscellaneous Cable**

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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 5 participants will be invited to tender for each Lot. A separate PSQ and ITT shall be created for each Lot in Bravo. Suppliers will need to respond to each individual PSQ and ITT for each lot that they wish to bid for

Participants for all Lots will be invited to e auctions as part of the tender process.

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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