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Contract

Measuring Whole industry total factor productivity (TFP) of the railway in Great Britain

Office of Rail and Road

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Scope

Description

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) is the independent safety and economic regulator of Britain's railways. This project falls within ORR's strategic objective of delivering value-for-money on the railways.

In March 2025, we published a report on rail industry productivity, following a discussion paper in April 2024. Our latest report used measures such as train distance travelled, passenger journeys and Gross Value Added (GVA) as output measures to inform our productivity analysis. Other measures of output and productivity are possible which is what we seek to explore through this commission.

Hence, we are seeking support in creating a productivity metric such as Total Factor Productivity (TFP) for the rail industry in Great Britain. We hope that this will help us better understand current productivity levels but also set the baseline for measuring any productivity changes as the industry moves towards (and ultimately beyond) rail reform.

Contract 1

Supplier

- EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH LIMITED

Contract value

- £7,968,125 excluding VAT
- £9,561,750 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

3 September 2025

Contract dates

- 3 September 2025 to 31 December 2025
- 3 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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