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Planning

Translink - Provision for the supply and delivery of Liquid Fuel

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Scope

Description

Translink wish to engage the marketplace regarding the provision of the supply and delivery of liquid fuel for its Bus and Rail operations.

It is anticipated that the following volumes of fuel are required. Please note these are indicative annual volumes and are subject to change.

The annual contract value is estimated to be £35m (ex VAT). Please note this is subject to change and is provided for information only.

- ULS Diesel for road use - 20 million litres per annum
- ULS Gas Oil for Railway use - 17 million litres per annum

It is anticipated that this contract will commence circa June 2026

This Pre-Market Engagement exercise is being undertaken for the following purposes as defined under the Procurement Act 2023:

1. Defining Needs – Helping the organisation refine what it requires and how best to approach the procurement.
2. Shaping the Process – Designing fair and effective rules for supplier participation and evaluation.
3. Preparing Tender Documents – Ensuring clarity in the official documents that suppliers will respond to.
4. Finding Suitable Suppliers – Identifying businesses that can provide the necessary goods, services, or works.
5. Setting Contract Terms – Understanding what terms are realistic and fair for both sides.
6. Supporting Suppliers – Helping businesses (especially smaller ones) prepare for the opportunity.

We are therefore seeking to engage with suppliers in line with the above objectives for the supply and delivery of liquid fuel to various Translink sites and depots.

Interested suppliers are requested to e-mail their contact details to - Chris Clarke (Procurement Lead- Fleet & Engineering - chris.clarke@translink.co.uk) and Sam Johnston (Materials and Contracts Manager - sam.johnston@translink.co.uk) NO LATER than 12pm (noon) Fri 3rd October 2025.

Total value (estimated)

- £210,000,000 excluding VAT
- £252,000,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2031

- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 09100000 - Fuels
- 09134100 - Diesel oil
- 09134200 - Diesel fuel

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

3 October 2025

Engagement process description

Translink will review all expressions of interest received from the market place and will contact suitable suppliers to organise meeting via Teams or face-to-face before the engagement deadline of 03/10/2025.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

Translink

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTMT-7134-NRMV

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland