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Tender

## **Core Valley Lines (CVL) Transformation: Complex track works with associated level boarding works**

Transport for Wales

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C001270.00

### **Description**

TfW is looking to appoint a suitably qualified and competent contractor to undertake complex track works and associated level boarding works at Cardiff Queen Street and Cardiff Bay Stations. The work scope is comprised of various track renewal schemes in the areas of Cardiff Queen Street Station and Cardiff Bay, the primary elements being the remodelling of Cardiff Queen Street and the doubling of the line to Cardiff Bay. The works are naturally linked through their geographical location and through the requirement to deliver the works in a dedicated extended track possession in early 2027. Outside of Cardiff Queen St and Cardiff Bay, there are other remaining track works across CVL (including Pontypridd Station) to be delivered including level boarding sites where design is yet to be completed. A number of these sites are likely to be delivered under this contract once the complexity of works and available access is confirmed post design completion.

TfW intends to undertake a two stage process under the competitive flexible procedure including a request to participate stage and tender stage. Full details can be found in the Tender Documentation.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £9,800,000 excluding VAT
- £11,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 2 March 2026 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

Compensation events under the contract

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Options:

Level Boarding works

CVL Non-complex track works

Pontypridd Station works

## **Main procurement category**

Works

## **CPV classifications**

- 45234100 - Railway construction works
- 34946000 - Railway-track construction materials and supplies

## **Contract locations**

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

As described in the Tender Documentation

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

As described in the Tender Documentation

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## **Submission**

**Enquiry deadline**

8 October 2025, 12:00pm

**Submission type**

Requests to participate

**Deadline for requests to participate**

15 October 2025, 12:00pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

sell2wales postbox facility

[www.sell2wales.gov.wales](http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales)

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

- Welsh
- English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

31 January 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	60.00%
Quality	Quality	40.00%

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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

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

### Competitive flexible procedure description

Request to Participate Stage - Deadline 15/10/25 - all bidders that meet minimum pass/fail requirements will be invited to tender.

Qualified bidders will be invited to Tender Stage late October 2025 with deadline of mid/late December for return of Tenders

## **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

Due to the complexity and scale of the works, the following capabilities are essential:

Planning, ordering and management of Railway Engineering Trains and On-Track Machines

Provision and site management of Strategic Plant

Provision and site management of On-Track Plant, including POS compliance

These requirements significantly narrow the pool of capable suppliers. The market for such works is typically concentrated within Network Rail's regional track alliances, limiting broader competition

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## **Documents**

### **Associated tender documents**

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=346548](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=346548)

Scope Document

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=346549](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=346549)

Proposed draft form of contract

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=346550](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=346550)

Request to Participate Volume 1 Instructions

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder\\_FileDownload.aspx?id=346551](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=346551)

Request to Participate Volume 2 Questionnaire

## **Documents to be provided after the tender notice**

Any and all suppliers that pass the request to participate stage that are invited to the Tender Stage will be provided with full access to the Tender Stage documents

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Transport for Wales**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPHD-4211-XYXJ

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Region: UKL15 - Central Valleys

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales