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## **Supply of Aluminothermic Welding Materials and Associated Equipment**

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

project\_43859

### **Description**

Network Rail intends to award a contract via direct award under the Procurement Act 2023 to Thermit Welding Ltd for the Supply of Aluminothermic Welding Materials and Associated Equipment.

### **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

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## **Framework**

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## **Contract 1. Supply of Aluminothermic Welding Materials and Associated Equipment**

### **Supplier**

- Thermit Welding (GB) Limited

### **Contract value**

- £10,100,000 excluding VAT
- £12,120,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

20 October 2025

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

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2029
- Possible extension to 31 October 2033
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

4 Years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Should the Supplier introduce new products under the scope of Aluminothermic Welding Materials and Associated Equipment, the Buyer shall have the right to vary these into the Agreement.

### **CPV classifications**

- 44315200 - Welding materials
- 42662000 - Welding equipment

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Special regime**

Utilities

## **Direct award justification**

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

With respect to joining rails on site, Aluminothermic Welding is the only welding process Network Rail can utilise given the number of welds installed on an annual basis (Circa 30,000 - 40,000). Other welding processes are either not suitable (enclosed arc welding) or unable to support the number of sites and welds required per year i.e. flash butt welding as only 1 machine is available in the UK to support this process.

Network Rail has a number of Aluminothermic Welders in the business which are trained on the Supplier's Aluminothermic Welding Process. In order to continue using this process, Network Rail has to use the Supplier's Aluminothermic Welding Materials and associated equipment as they are specific to their processes and alternatives would be incompatible with the process.

Network Rail is unable to move to another Aluminothermic Welding process as this would require retraining of all welding staff which would cause disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance. In addition to this, there are no other Suppliers in the market which have an Aluminothermic Welding process approved to the requirements of NR/L2/TRK/0032 and EN14730-1.

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## **Supplier**

### **Thermit Welding (GB) Limited**

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Region: UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED**

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Region: UKI45 - Lambeth

Organisation type: Public authority - central government