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Tender

Civils Examination Framework Agreement - Structures - Wales and Western

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Description

Civils examinations within Network Rail refer to the inspection, examination and reporting of structural assets to ensure the safety, reliability, and longevity of railway infrastructure. These examinations help identify defects, monitor structural integrity, and determine necessary maintenance or repair works to prevent failures and ensure continued safe

operation of the rail network. The framework's scope, which will cover critical infrastructure, including bridges, culverts, retaining walls, coastal and estuary defences, underwater structures, and tunnels.

Please note the estimated spend under this framework is £113,000,000.00 Excluding VAT over the 8 year period of the framework. The value of the notice is £136,000,000.00 excluding to allow for an unexpected spend which may be required through the framework. All spend is estimated and may vary depending on demand and requirements.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £136,000,000 excluding VAT
- £163,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2031
- Possible extension to 30 June 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Extension 2+1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71315300 - Building surveying services

Contract locations

- PL5 - South-Western
- UKL - Wales
- UKI - London

Lot 1. Wales & Western Tunnels

Description

Civils Examination of Tunnels

Lot value (estimated)

- £9,892,730 excluding VAT
- £11,871,276 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Bridges, Culverts, Retaining Walls, Underwater, Coastal & Estuary, Ancillaries - Civils Examinations

Description

Civils Examinations of - Bridges, Culverts, Retaining Walls, Underwater, Coastal & Estuary, Ancillaries

Lot value (estimated)

- £103,402,462 excluding VAT
- £124,082,954 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

3

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Justification for framework term over 8 years

Not Applicable

Framework operation description

The framework will operate under a schedule of rates. The schedule of rates will be used to determine the cost of an annual work bank. For the commercial evaluation of the framework each bidder will provide a range of costs within a pricing document which will then create a total cost to be used in evaluation.

Lot 1 - Supplier will receive 100% of the work bank for the lot

Lot 2 - Supplier 1 / 2 will receive 100% of the work bank for its allocated route within the region

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Wales & Western Tunnels

Lot 2. Bridges, Culverts, Retaining Walls, Underwater, Coastal & Estuary, Ancillaries - Civils Examinations

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

11 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

Lot 1. Wales & Western Tunnels

5 suppliers

Selection criteria:

The top scoring 5 suppliers will be taken through from stage 1 PSQ to stage 2 ITT

PSQ will be 100% technical follows by an ITT as per the below weightings

Lot 2. Bridges, Culverts, Retaining Walls, Underwater, Coastal & Estuary, Ancillaries - Civils Examinations

5 suppliers

Selection criteria:

Top 5 scoring bidders will be taken through to ITT

PSQ will be 100% technical follows by an ITT as per the below weightings

Award decision date (estimated)

1 April 2026

Award criteria

Lot 1. Wales & Western Tunnels

Name	Type	Weighting
ITT	Quality	60%
ITT	Price	40%

Lot 2. Bridges, Culverts, Retaining Walls, Underwater, Coastal & Estuary, Ancillaries - Civils Examinations

Name	Type	Weighting
ITT	Quality	60%
ITT	Cost	40%

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

Network Rail will carry out a conditions of participation stage (requiring completion of a procurement specific questionnaire) followed by a multi- stage tender process consisting of 2 stages down selecting each stage as follows:

Stage 1 - PSQ - Technical - 100% Weighting - Top 5 Consultants to Progress

Stage 2 - ITT - Technical 60% - Commercial 40% - No. Consultants awarded - Lot 1 - 1 Consultant - Lot 2 - 2 Consultants - 1 aligned to each route

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Bravo Project Reference - project_42363 - #40144 - CEFA Structures Examinations

PQQ: pqq_3727 - W&W Civils Examination Framework Agreement

Contracting authority

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