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Planning

Provision of Services for Drugs & Alcohol Testing and Medication Advice Line

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

project_44607

Description

The provision of Drug and Alcohol Testing services:

Random Drug & Alcohol testing programme

For-cause and post incident/accident D&A testing

Drug & Alcohol Support programme active monitoring testing

Supply of POCT kits with Medical Review Officer (MRO) service

Test the Tester for Network Rail Occupational Health Service employee testers

Medication advice line

Total value (estimated)

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 August 2026 to 19 October 2036
- 10 years, 1 month, 20 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 38544000 - Drug detection apparatus
- 85147000 - Company health services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 November 2025

Engagement process description

The purpose of this PME is to:

- Engage with the supply market and understand the level of interest in bidding for this potential future opportunity;
- Allow suppliers who are interested in any potential future tender activity relating to this requirement, to be aware of the procurement platform that will be used, and provide them with the steps to complete qualification to this platform if requested (should they not have already done so);
- Identify suitable suppliers available in the market;
- Identify the capacity and capabilities of the suppliers available in the market;
- Identify any additional services, requirements or concepts that Network Rail have not considered – this information may then be considered to support Network Rail in developing/updating its specification for the tender opportunity;
- Gain feedback on the draft specification, and other aspects of the potential strategy for this opportunity, such as suppliers preferred contract length.

Please note that any content received in response to this PME will be used purely for information purposes only and will not be deemed as forming part of any proposed bid or potential future tender.

The scope of services for the opportunity will be more fully described in the associated tender documents.

In addition, the contract and procurement process will provide for potential transfer of

either the procurement process or the resulting contract itself in the event that this is required due to the establishment of GBR, rail reform or other corporate restructuring.

The Market Engagement (ME) Document can be downloaded from Network Rail's BravoNR sourcing platform via this link.

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

From the welcome screen, access the 'Current Opportunities' link, scroll down and select:

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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

24 December 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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