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Planning

Wales & Western - Level Crossing & Rail Road Access Points (RRAP)

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Wales & Western Region) is seeking early engagement with the supply chain to inform the upcoming procurement for the installation and removal of Level Crossings and Road Rail Access Points (RRAP) across the Wales & Western region.

The proposed framework will support the delivery of planned, reactive, and minor works relating to the installation, removal, surfacing, and reinstatement of proprietary crossing systems and RRAPs in accordance with manufacturer and Network Rail standards. This includes the provision of associated surface dressings, white lining, and minor civils reinstatement works.

The purpose of this engagement is to:

Understand current market capability, capacity, and interest.

Seek feedback on the framework structure, lotting strategy, and commercial approach.

Identify potential risks, challenges, and innovations that could improve safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

Support the design of a fair and inclusive Competitive Flexible Procedure.

It is currently envisaged that the framework will be divided into regional lots, covering:

Lot 1 - Western Route

Lot 2 - South Wales

Lot 3 - North Wales

The anticipated scope will include works undertaken under planned possession and blockade arrangements, as well as reactive maintenance and minor project delivery.

Network Rail anticipates the new framework will commence in April 2026 following the expiry of existing arrangements under the drainage framework in March 2026.

The estimated total value is approximately £15.6 million over a term of four years (2026-2030).

Suppliers with experience and competence in the following areas are particularly encouraged to engage:

TR37 Engineer Handback

SIG37

PTS / PTS AC qualified staff

LXI28 documentation and handback compliance

RISQS product/service codes:

C.C.3.4.7.6X - Level Crossing Stiles, Gates & Barriers - Installation

C.D.7.5X - Authorised Walking Routes & Access Points - Installation

C.D.8.4X - User & Footpath Crossing Surfacing - Installation

A Market Engagement Questionnaire has been developed to capture supplier feedback.

Responses will be used to shape the final procurement strategy but will not form part of any evaluation process.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £31,200,000 excluding VAT
- £37,440,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45234116 - Track construction works
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

14 November 2025

Engagement process description

Engagement Process

Network Rail (Wales & Western) invites interested suppliers to participate in a Pre-Market Engagement Exercise for the forthcoming Level Crossing and Road Rail Access Points (RRAP) Framework.

This engagement aims to gather insight from the supply chain to inform the final procurement strategy, lot structure, and commercial model for the works, which are expected to commence in April 2026 following expiry of current arrangements in March 2026.

Suppliers are asked to complete a short Market Engagement Questionnaire, which will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

The questionnaire seeks views on:

Supplier experience and capabilities;

Preferred framework structure and commercial approach;

Capacity and mobilisation readiness; and

Opportunities for innovation, sustainability, and social value.

Responses will be used solely for market analysis and procurement planning purposes.

They will not form part of any tender evaluation and will be treated in accordance with UK GDPR and Network Rail's Data Protection Policy.

How to Participate

To take part in this engagement, please complete the online questionnaire using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/zajE0qW5VA>

The survey will remain open until 14th November 2025, after which responses will be reviewed and summarised to inform the final procurement strategy.

Following this exercise, Network Rail may invite interested suppliers to participate in a virtual or in-person supplier briefing session to discuss the findings and outline the proposed route to market.

Any future tender opportunity arising from this engagement will be advertised separately via Find a Tender, Contracts Finder, and Network Rail's BravoNR procurement portal.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 December 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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