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Planning

Road Asset Management (RAM) Structures and Road Restraint Systems Frameworks – *Preliminary Market Engagement*R

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Scope

Reference

T-1155 and T-1159

Description

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is intending to procure two new Road Asset Management (RAM) Frameworks - Structures Framework and Road Restraint Systems Framework.

It is intended that the frameworks will include the following key work activities.

Structures Framework:

- Full or partial demolition of structures.
- Scour protection and maintenance works.
- Earthworks.
- Culvert upgrades/maintenance including lining and invert repair works.
- General bridge/structures maintenance.
- Working in water.
- Brickwork, blockwork and stonework.
- Structural concrete construction and/or repairs.
- Installation of precast beams or box culverts.
- Structural steelwork including repairs.
- Inspection assistance.
- Works on or in the vicinity of the Northern Ireland Railways (NIR).
- TTM on a live trafficked public road network.
- Associated Road Restraint Systems (RRS) installation and/or repair.
- Associated ancillary works.

Road Restraint Systems Framework:

- RRS installation and/or repair.
- Earthworks.
- Brickwork, blockwork and stonework.
- Structural concrete construction and/or repairs associated with RRS.
- Inspection assistance.
- Full or partial demolition of structures associated with RRS.

- TTM on a live trafficked public road network.
- Associated ancillary works.

Each framework will comprise of three geographical Area Lots (as detailed below), and a Project Lot.

A Measured Term Contract (MTC) Call-Off will be awarded for each Area Lot.

A Primary Supplier and Reserve Supplier will be appointed for each MTC Lot, as a result of the evaluation of the Framework tender submissions.

Each MTC will deliver related works commissioned through Works Orders, each with a value of up to £750k.

A Project Lot will be used to deliver individual NEC ECC projects covering all the geographical areas detailed below, each with an estimated value of over £750k up to £5m (Exc VAT).

Area Lots:

Western – Derry and Strabane; Fermanagh & Omagh; Mid-Ulster.

Eastern and Southern – Belfast; Lisburn and Castlereagh; Ards and North Down; Newry Mourne, Down and Armagh; Banbridge and Craigavon.

Northern – Antrim and Newtownabbey; Causeway Coast and Glens; Mid and East Antrim.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork
- 45221000 - Construction work for bridges and tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45223000 - Structures construction work

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 November 2025

Engagement process description

DfI invites interested parties to express their interest in attending a joint Pre-Market Engagement (PME) event for two forthcoming Road Asset Management (RAM) Framework procurements:

T-1155 Structures Framework

T-1159 Road Restraint Systems Framework

An online information session will be held on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 2:00pm.

During this session, DfI will outline the proposed procurement approach, work scope and indicative delivery timelines for each framework.

How to Register:

To register your interest in attending, please email TRAMprocurement@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk by 5:00pm on Wednesday 19 November 2025, including:

The name(s) of attendee(s)

Contact email address(es)

Following receipt of expressions of interest, DfI will issue further details and instructions on how to join the PME briefing.

Please note that the procurement description, estimated contract dates, publication timeline, and contract value are indicative only and should not be considered a final representation of DfI's proposals or requirements.

The PME pertains to a future contract opportunity which will be advertised in its own right in due course.

This notice is not a call for competition to procure any works or services.

Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response, or lack thereof, to this notice. Nor shall a response to this notice guarantee an opportunity to participate in this market engagement exercise or any future procurement process that DfI may conduct.

DfI is not liable for any costs, fees or expenses incurred by any party responding to this notice or any party who may participate in the market engagement exercise.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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