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# **Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service**

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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# Scope

#### Reference

project\_42922, pqq\_3698, itt\_18064

## **Description**

Provision of a Thunderbird Incident Response Locomotive Service for Network Rail's Eastern Region to be based at Newark Northgate Sidings.

#### **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

# Contract 1. Provision and Operation of a "Thunderbird" Recovery and Incident Response Service for the Eastern Region

### **Supplier**

• Colas Rail Ltd

#### **Contract value**

- £8,920,562 excluding VAT
- £10,704,674.40 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

#### Award decision date

7 November 2025

#### Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

7 November 2025

# Standstill period

- End: 18 November 2025
- 8 working days

## Earliest date the contract will be signed

26 November 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 8 January 2026 to 8 January 2029
- Possible extension to 8 January 2032
- 6 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend by 3 years

## Main procurement category

Services

#### **CPV** classifications

• 50220000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to railways and other equipment

#### **Contract locations**

• UK - United Kingdom

# Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

#### **Unsuccessful suppliers**

- DB Cargo (UK) Limited
- GB Railfreight Limited
- RailAdventure UK Limited
- Rail Operations Group Limited
- West Coast Railway Company LTD

## **Submission**

## **Submission type**

**Tenders** 

## **Procedure**

# **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

# Special regime

Utilities

# **Suppliers**

#### **Colas Rail Ltd**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDMR-7893-JWHQ

25 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EX

**United Kingdom** 

Email: andrew.bailey@colasrail.com

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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# **DB Cargo (UK) Limited**

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQXZ-7776-RRTH

Lakeside Business Park, Carolina Way

Doncaster

DN4 5PN

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKE31 - Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

# **GB Railfreight Limited**

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGZM-3128-DZHR

5th Floor 62-64 Cornhill

London

EC3V 3NH

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

## **Rail Operations Group Limited**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDMG-4899-QHCH

Wyvern House, Railway Terrace

Derby

DE1 2RU

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKF11 - Derby

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

#### RailAdventure UK Limited

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJJ-5566-GPVZ

35 Station Road, Kings Norton

Blrmingham

**B38 8SN** 

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

# **West Coast Railway Company LTD**

Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRGB-8578-YHLX

Off Jesson Way, Cragbank

Carnforth

LA5 9UR

**United Kingdom** 

Region: UKD44 - Lancaster and Wyre

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

# **Contracting authority**

#### **NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNZN-9524-VCQJ

Waterloo General Office

London

SE1 8SW

**United Kingdom** 

Contact name: Tom Gray

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Website: <a href="https://www.networkrail.co.uk/">https://www.networkrail.co.uk/</a>

Region: UKI45 - Lambeth

Organisation type: Public authority - central government