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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

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## **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

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## **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)
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### **Unsuccessful suppliers**

- [DB Cargo \(UK\) Limited](#)
  - [GB Railfreight Limited](#)
  - [RailAdventure UK Limited](#)
  - [Rail Operations Group Limited](#)
  - [West Coast Railway Company LTD](#)
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## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Tenders

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## **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

## Special regime

Utilities

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## Suppliers

### Colas Rail Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDMR-7893-JWHQ

25 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EX

United Kingdom

Email: [andrew.bailey@colasrail.com](mailto: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

Birmingham

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

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## **Contracting authority**

### **NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNZN-9524-VCQJ

Waterloo General Office

London

SE1 8SW

United Kingdom

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Region: UKI45 - Lambeth

Organisation type: Public authority - central government