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Award

Central Line and Victoria Line - Cab Simulator Upgrades

Transport for London

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Scope

Reference

WS2723490010

Description

The justification for awarding the proposed contract in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 is a Direct Award for the provision of upgraded OEM assets and software of Two (2) Cab Simulators on each of the Central and Victoria Lines. This is required to maintain operational continuity and mitigate risks associated with ageing hardware and unsupported operating systems.

This upgrade is essential for Transport for London to ensure simulator reliability, reduce maintenance overheads, and avoid costly and disruptive failures. The contract supports Business as Usual (BAU) training operations and aligns with long-term asset management strategies.

This direct award is justified under Schedule 5, Paragraph 6 of the Procurement Act 2023, as the goods and services required must be compatible with existing equipment and systems.

6. The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract:

(a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Total Contract Amount is circa £450,000 excluding VAT.

Contract 1. Central Line and Victoria Line - Cab Simulator Upgrades

Supplier

- SYDAC LIMITED

Contract value

- £450,000 excluding VAT
- £540,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 January 2026 to 11 January 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48140000 - Railway traffic control software package

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The Central and Victoria Line Cab Simulators are proprietary assets originally developed and maintained by Sydac, and the proposed upgrades including hardware replacement, software migration to Windows 11, and integration with the existing Ogre Vision platform must align with the current simulator architecture and operational environment.

Due to the bespoke nature of the simulators and the technical dependencies between legacy and upgraded components, only Sydac can ensure full compatibility and continuity of service.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Transport for London

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