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Planning

PA23 UK2 - Preliminary market engagement notice for Nairobi Railway City Technical Assistance Project

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Scope

Description

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) are planning to procure a Technical Assistance contract for Nairobi Railway City Technical Assistance Project (NRC TA) in Kenya.

The contract will require the supplier to provide expertise to support Kenya Railways to fully develop and unlock the economic potential of the Railway City Project in Nairobi, Kenya. The Supplier will provide the strategic oversight of the Railway City Project, leadership, stakeholder management to ensure the effective delivery of day-to-day operations of the Contract. This will also include identification, development and delivery of Technical Assistance activities, oversight and management of the Technical Assistance expertise commissioned. The NRC TA contract will contribute to broader national objectives, including stimulating economic growth, generating employment opportunities, expanding future transport capacity, and delivering a mixed used climate resilient project that includes affordable housing in its scope.

The route to market for this contract is not yet determined and FCDO will be using market feedback from Preliminary Market Engagement activities to inform the decision.

The route to market stated in this notice is therefore subject to change. FCDO cannot guarantee that interested suppliers will be eligible to participate in the route to market that is ultimately selected.

Total value (estimated)

- £9,000,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- Possible extension to 31 May 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

Contract locations

• KE - Kenya

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 December 2025

Engagement process description

Suppliers who wish to participate in the market engagement exercise should register with Jaggaer Supplier Portal at Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office eSourcing Portal bravosolutions.co.uk to access the draft ToR and a Feedback Survey.

The questionnaire must be completed and submitted no later than 2 pm UK time on the 19th December 2025. There are no formal documents to be completed other than the questionnaire. Any information gathered will NOT be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise. Participation or non-participation in this pre-procurement market engagement shall not prevent any supplier from participating in a potential procurement process nor is it intended that any information supplied shall place any supplier at an advantage in any forthcoming procurement process. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and there is no commitment, at this stage to carrying out such a process.

The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for this programme can be found under the pqq_1934 - Market Engagement - Feedback Opportunity.

A link for the Survey Questionnaire https://forms.office.com/e/dTQjShLtNi

Please Note! This is not a call to competition and does not constitute the commencement of the procurement process. The use of PQQ functionality is for the purpose of Preliminary Market Engagement with the supplier base.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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