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Planning

## Operation of RIDC Melton

NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

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### Scope

### Reference

SR39627

### Description

This is a preliminary market engagement exercise at this stage only to receive expressions of interest and feedback on Network Rail's requirement via a questionnaire. The requirement relates to the operation of Rail Innovation and Delivery Centre (RIDC) - Melton. This site has been renamed as Test Track Melton Mowbray recently. Its operation includes the management of the test track, depot management, managing supporting facilities and customer rail traffic movements. A full draft specification can be found alongside the market engagement questionnaire. Access details are described within this notice.

Access:

<https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=60540>

The required event to respond to the questionnaire is pqq\_3826. Those who have not used Bravo before will need to create an account. The homepage for this can be found here: <https://networkrail.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £26,600,000 excluding VAT
- £31,920,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2035
- 8 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 63711000 - Support services for railway transport

## Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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## Engagement

### Engagement deadline

23 December 2025

### Engagement process description

A market questionnaire has been published alongside this notice within Bravo, Network Rail's tendering service. Parties interested in expressing interest are encouraged to access this via the details linked below and respond. Network Rail seeks to establish market interest and solicit feedback on our draft specification to understand how clear and deliverable our requirements are. A draft specification has been provided alongside this to assist in answering the questionnaire. Questionnaire responses are requested by 23/12/2025. Extension requests for responses may be submitted, but Network Rail cannot guarantee any can be granted. Any extensions made will be granted equally to all participating parties who have expressed interest via Bravo at the time of it being granted.

This requirement is currently not being tendered, this is market engagement activity only to assess interest and feasibility.

Unless there are issues accessing Bravo, all queries are to be directed to Network Rail using the messaging function within the service. If you are experiencing access issues, please notify [Tom.Hedges@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:Tom.Hedges@networkrail.co.uk) in the first instance.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

1 April 2026

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Utilities

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## **Contracting authority**

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