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Planning

Crane Operations and Maintenance Services Contract

Direct Rail Services Limited

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

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Scope

Description

This PME document in relation to the Crane Operations & Maintenance Services

Contract.

DRS are currently developing the sourcing strategy and want to test some of our assumptions and understanding with the market to ensure that we offer an opportunity that is of interest and one that you feel you would be comfortable in responding to in the future.

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Total value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 30 August 2029
- 2 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50531400 - Repair and maintenance services of cranes

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 January 2026

Engagement process description

Market Engagement

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 February 2026

Contracting authority

Direct Rail Services Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBj-7645-CMHD

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government