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Tender

Supply of Labour for Track Welding and Grinding

Transport for London

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Scope

Reference

WS2762078681

Description

The scope of this procurement is the supply of labour to deliver track welding and grinding services on the London Underground (LU) track infrastructure network only, however, this may also include areas where Network Rail rules apply.

Supplied labour will be required to deliver the following services:

Plain Line Sites - Aluminothermic welding

Manual Metal Arc - Crossings Repair

Hand grinding

Manual Metal Arc Standard Rail Repair

Manual Metal Arc Conductor Rail Repair

Plain Line Grinding

Check Rail / Points & Crossings - Aluminothermic welding.

Burning & track cutting

Aluminothermic Welding Headwash Repair

Manual Metal Arc Plain Line Weld Repair

Points & Crossings Grinding

The term of the contract is 12 months with an option to extend for additional 6 months.

Total value (estimated)

- £12,375,000 excluding VAT
- £14,850,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 June 2026 to 15 June 2027
- Possible extension to 15 December 2027
- 1 year, 6 months

Description of possible extension:

The scope of the extension is the supply of labour to deliver track welding and grinding services on the London Underground (LU) track infrastructure network only, however, this may also include areas where Network Rail rules apply.

Supplied labour will be required to deliver the following services:

Plain Line Sites - Aluminothermic welding

Manual Metal Arc - Crossings Repair

Hand grinding

Manual Metal Arc Standard Rail Repair

Manual Metal Arc Conductor Rail Repair

Plain Line Grinding

Check Rail / Points & Crossings - Aluminothermic welding.

Burning & track cutting

Aluminothermic Welding Headwash Repair

Manual Metal Arc Plain Line Weld Repair

Points & Crossings Grinding

The term of the extension is 6 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79623000 - Supply services of commercial or industrial workers

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As per the Procurement Specific Questionnaire.

This opportunity is only available to suppliers registered on the Railway Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme against the relevant RICCL codes.

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per the Procurement Specific Questionnaire.

This opportunity is only available to suppliers registered on the Railway Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme against the relevant RICCL codes.

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 December 2025, 4:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Tender submission deadline

24 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://service.ariba.com/Supplier.aw>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	Schedule of rates with indicative annual quantities.	Price	50%
Quality	Technical ability and social value.	Quality	50%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Dynamic market being used

[RISQS](#)

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

This contract is going to be awarded by reference to suppliers' membership of the Railway Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme, which is a qualifying utilities dynamic market. The following process will be followed:

1. Railway Industry Supplier Qualification System Opportunity Listing (completed)

The tender has been made available to the market via the RISQS portal. Only suppliers, who have registered their interest through the Opportunity Listing and meet the relevant category criteria, set out in the Opportunity Listing, will be invited to tender. Suppliers, who are not members of RISQS and / or are not registered against the relevant category, will be excluded from progressing as part of the procedure.

2. Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ)

All suppliers will be required to submit a completed PSQ, which will be assessed on a Pass / Fail basis. The Conditions of Participation, set out in the PSQ, are not going to be used to limit the number of tenderers.

3. Invitation to Tender Stage

Bidders, who have been awarded a "Pass" to the PSQ, will have their technical response and commercial (price) submission evaluated.

Following the evaluation of Tenders, TfL reserves the right to either award the contract to the highest ranked bidder, on the basis of the tenders received as part of this stage, without negotiation, or proceed to negotiation stage with all bidders.

4. Negotiation Stage

TfL may elect to hold one or more rounds of negotiations, following the receipt and the evaluation of the tenders.

If TfL proceeds to the negotiation stage, it will conduct negotiations with all bidders that have submitted compliant tenders and satisfied the technical response requirements. The

objective of these negotiations is to allow bidders to improve the content of their tenders and further develop their best solution for supply of labour for welding and grinding.

5. Final Tender Stage

If TfL elects to negotiate with bidders, then at the conclusion of the negotiation stage, bidders will be invited to submit final tender on the basis of the solution, as proposed and discussed in negotiations.

6. Contract Award

Following the evaluation of the final tenders in accordance with the evaluation criteria and scoring guidance, TfL will rank the bidders' responses and award the contract to the highest ranked bidder. If no negotiation stage has been used, the contract will be awarded to the highest ranked bidder, following the completion of the evaluation of the tenders.

7. Post-tender Presentation / Interview

TfL reserves the right to invite the highest ranked bidder or any bidder to deliver a presentation or attend an interview on their final tender and explain any areas of improvements that have not been discussed during the negotiation stage or need to be clarified.

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Using dynamic market - minimum 10 days

Contracting authority

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