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Planning

Maintenance and Response Contract 2 (M&R2)

National Highways

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Scope

Description

This notice relates to the procurement of the second iteration of Maintenance and Response (M&R) contracts. The M&R contracts support the effective operation, maintenance and resilience of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), which is one of the biggest and most important pieces of infrastructure in the country. The SRN is comprised of more than 4500 miles of motorways and major A roads which are at the core of our national transport system.

National Highways is looking for suitable contractors to provide and undertake:

- Cyclical maintenance
- Reactive maintenance to address urgent repairs
- Incident response
- Severe weather operations and winter maintenance
- Operational roadside technology maintenance and schemes

- Small asset renewal works such as road markings, soft estate, lighting, road restraint systems and fencing.

National Highways are looking to engage with the supply chain regarding contractual and procurement options associated with this procurement. Further details can be found in the supporting Information Memorandum, and in any future UK4 Tender Notice and the associated procurement documents once published.

The Information Memorandum can be found here:

https://highways.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/NationalHighwaysProcurement-MaterialforExternalRelease/ETuQvycgzPdNtqbsikUFbLkBx6liW_5hk7ooKyYRwmiiQQ?e=lomB2D

Total value (estimated)

- £8,000,000,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2028 to 28 February 2036
- 7 years, 11 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 34923000 - Road traffic-control equipment

- 34993100 - Tunnel lighting
- 45221248 - Tunnel linings construction work
- 45233130 - Construction work for highways
- 45233139 - Highway maintenance work
- 45233140 - Roadworks
- 45233141 - Road-maintenance works
- 45233210 - Surface work for highways
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45316200 - Installation of signalling equipment
- 50230000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to roads and other equipment
- 50800000 - Miscellaneous repair and maintenance services
- 63712300 - Bridge and tunnel operation services
- 63712320 - Tunnel operation services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 50312600 - Maintenance and repair of information technology equipment
- 50312610 - Maintenance of information technology equipment
- 50312620 - Repair of information technology equipment

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 February 2026

Engagement process description

This notice is issued by National Highways, inviting suppliers to participate in a market engagement event scheduled for 16/01/2026 and to be held in-person in Birmingham.

To submit an expression of interest, please contact the mr2procurement@nationalhighways.co.uk inbox, stating that you wish to attend and providing the email addresses of up to 3 attendees. You will then be contacted in early January 2026 with an invite to the event.

Please submit your expression of interest by 19/12/2025.

Please note, the venue has limited capacity and therefore invites will be allocated in order of receipt. Furthermore, depending on the number of expressions of interest received, National Highways reserves the right to reduce the number of attendees per organisation.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 March 2027

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