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Contract

Midlands Rail Hub Alliance – Alliance Partners (Non-Signalling Disciplines)

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Midlands Rail Hub Alliance – Alliance Partners (Non-Signalling Disciplines)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45234100 - Railway construction works

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Network Rail is responsible for maintaining, developing and operating Great Britain's railway infrastructure. The Midlands Rail Hub (MRH) is a programme of works covering a series of multidisciplinary infrastructure interventions to be undertaken across the West, Central and East Midlands of the UK. MRH will deliver a number of additional services between central Birmingham and key regional cities and transport hubs.

The MRH programme will be delivered through an Alliance delivery model with Alliance members consisting of:

- Network Rail (having two roles – one as a member of the Alliance and the other as

Client);

- Multi-Disciplinary Partner(s) (covering all disciplines except signalling, power and communication roles set out in the Alliance scope document) appointed pursuant to this Contract Award Notice; and

- A Signalling Partner (covering the signalling, power and communication roles set out in the Alliance scope document) appointed via a separate sourcing event.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,380,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45111213 - Site-clearance work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45213320 - Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport
- 45213321 - Railway station construction work
- 45221112 - Railway bridge construction work
- 45221122 - Railway viaduct construction work
- 45221242 - Railway tunnel construction work
- 45232210 - Overhead line construction
- 45234100 - Railway construction works
- 45234114 - Railway embankment construction work
- 71321000 - Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings

- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The key objectives of MRH are to improve connectivity across the Midlands region; boost economic growth; maximise use of HS2 to London through interchange in Central Birmingham; improve access to jobs, leisure, healthcare, and education; optimise the utilisation of station capacity in central Birmingham; and make rail journeys more attractive and encourage modal shift to rail.

The scope of the Alliance includes, but is not limited to, the design and build of: new platforms and sidings; up to two new chords into Birmingham Moor Street; widening of existing viaduct; power supply upgrades; new freight loops; new overhead line equipment (OLE) and various signalling works including the re-modelling of existing layouts.

The MRH programme consists of multidisciplinary infrastructure interventions are split over three sections described as West, Central and East according to the additional train services that they enable. The scope is currently divided into eight interventions across the three sections: West & Central Midlands interventions at Snow Hill, King's Norton to Barnt Green (and interventions at King's Norton and Barnt Green) and Birmingham Bordesley to Moor Street are in the process of securing final funding approval and are intended to be the initial deliverables. Additional interventions are also in scope of MRH and may be delivered subject to funding decisions and design development including West & Central interventions at Worcester to Hereford and Stoke Works Junction and East Midlands interventions at Water Orton and Nuneaton to Wigston.

East interventions are at an earlier stage of design development and are intended to form part of a separate business case; these interventions are subject to future funding decisions. It is also envisaged that the West intervention of Worcester-Hereford will be delivered by the Alliance but does not form part of the initial deliverables and is dependent upon as yet uncommitted renewals in the Worcester area.

The total Alliance Anticipated Final Cost (AFC) excluding VAT is circa £1.1m--£1.5bn GBP.

The AFC is split between the initial deliverables and additional interventions as follows:

- Initial deliverables (predominantly interventions in West and Central) are circa:
- Multi-Disciplinary (non-signalling, power and communications): £700m-£800m GBP (excluding VAT)
- Signalling, power and communications; £150m-£250m GBP (excluding VAT)
- Additional interventions (predominantly East) are circa:
- Multi-Disciplinary (non-signalling power and communications: £250m-£350m GBP (excluding VAT);
- Signalling, power and communications; £50m-£100m GBP (excluding VAT)

These figures are indicative only.

Network Rail has appointed all Partners to the Alliance using a modified NR35 Alliance Contract (based on the NEC4 Alliance Contract). Network Rail and each of the Partners have signed one Alliance contract.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ecm_49994

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

VolkerRail Limited

Hoddesdon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Laing O'Rourke Delivery Limited

Dartford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AtkinsRealis UK Limited

Epsom

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £103,509,864

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales Royal Courts of Justice

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United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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