

FORM OF TENDER

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (the "Department")

In relation to the procurement of a services concession contract (as that term is defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) for the InterCity East Coast franchise (the "**InterCity East Coast Franchise**")

To: The Department for Transport

For the Attention of: Matthew Crosse, ICEC Project Director

Date:

Dear Sir/Madam,

TENDER FOR THE INTERCITY EAST COAST FRANCHISE

We, **[INSERT NAME OF BIDDING ENTITY]**, hereby tender to enter into a Franchise Agreement (and other associated Franchise Signature Documents) with the Secretary of State for the operation of the InterCity East Coast Franchise pursuant to in the invitation to tender supplied to us for the purpose of tendering for the provision of the InterCity East Coast Franchise (the "**ITT**"). The defined terms used in this Form of Tender shall have the meaning given to them in paragraph 1.10 (Defined Terms) of the ITT except where inconsistent with the context.

Attached to this Form of Tender is our Bid for the InterCity East Coast Franchise.

We confirm that we accept the Franchise Signature Documents as issued with the Invitation to Tender and have completed those provisions therein marked "Bidder to populate".

We acknowledge that the Franchise Letting Process Agreement continues in full force and effect without limiting any aspect of the ITT and confirm that we and our Associated Entities have complied and continue to comply with its terms. We undertake to immediately notify the Secretary of State for Transport of any changes to any information warranted under the terms of that Agreement and update such information as required.

We confirm that we are not subject to any actual or potential conflicts of interest save to the extent already expressly disclosed by us to the Department and undertake to notify the Secretary of State immediately should any arise. We note that the paragraphs of the FLPA and the Pre-qualification Process Document dealing with changes to information and in circumstances, including changes in ownership or conflicts of interest, continue to apply.

We acknowledge and accept the terms and requirements of the ITT.

We confirm that this Bid will remain valid for 275 days from the date of this Form of Tender.

We confirm that the undersigned is authorised to submit this Bid in accordance with and on the terms of the ITT.

Signed by

Name(s).....

Position.....

for and on behalf of [BIDDER]