



Department
for Transport



United Kingdom-London: Railway transport

Prior information notice for a public service contract

Form for notification under Article 7(2) of Regulation 1370/2007, as amended by the Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, to be published one year before the launch of the invitation to tender procedure or direct award on the Department's website.

Competent authorities may decide not to publish this information where a public service contract concerns an annual provision of less than 50 000 kilometres of public passenger transport services.

Section I: Competent authority

I.1 Name and addresses

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Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

I.2 Contract award on behalf of other competent authorities

I.3 Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4 Type of competent authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

Section II: Object

II.1 Scope of the procurement

II.1.1 Title

Contract for Great Western Rail Services. Currently operated by First Greater Western Limited

II.1.2 Main CPV code

60200000 Railway transport services

II.1.3 Type of contract

Services

Areas covered by the public transport services:
Rail transport services

II.2 Description

II.2.2 Additional CPV code(s)

60210000 Public transport services by railways

II.2.3 Place of performance

NUTS code: UK, UKG West Midlands, UKI London, UKJ South East, UKK South West, UKL Wales

Main site or place of performance: Commuter and intercity rail services including high speed train services between London (Paddington), South Wales, the Cotswolds, the South West of England, and rural services.

II.2.4 Description of the procurement

Contract for provision of local, regional and long distance passenger rail services on the Great Western rail system. There is a mixture of leisure, business and commuter travel. These services would be similar to those currently operated on the Great Western Franchise.

II.2.7 Envisaged start date and the duration of the contract

Start: 26/06/2022

Duration in months: 72

Section IV

Procedure

IV.1 Type of procedure

Direct awards for railway transport (article 5(6) of Regulation 1370/2007)

Section VI: Complementary information

V1.1 Additional information

It is anticipated that the contract will have a duration in the region of three to six years in total and this is likely to include a core period of three years with an optional additional period or periods exercisable at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to proceed with the Direct Award as envisaged or to use an alternative method to procure an operator for the contract.

Without limiting that, it is currently anticipated that the grant of any Direct Award as envisaged in this notice will follow on from the completion of certain termination arrangements in respect of the extant franchise agreement entered into by the Contracting Authority and First Greater Western Limited on 29 March 2020 (the "Franchise Agreement").

V1.4 Date of dispatch of this notice

20 August 2021