

Prior Information Notice

GB-London: Railway transport services.

Section I: Contracting Authority

- Title: GB-London: Railway transport services.
- I.1) Name, Addresses and Contact Point(s)
 - Department for Transport (DfT)
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 - Procurement Directorate
 - Mr Gary Lines
- Further information can be obtained at:
 - As in above-mentioned contact point(s)
- I.2) Type of contracting authority and main activity or activities
 - Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions
 - Other : Transport
- The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: No

Section II.B: Object of the Contract (Supplies or Services)

- II. Services.1
 - II.1) Title Attributed to the Contract by the Contracting Authority: UK-London: Department for Transport - Forthcoming Passenger Rail Franchises
 - II.2) Type of Contract and Place of Delivery or of Performance
 - Service category No: 18
 - Region Codes:
 - UK - UNITED KINGDOM
 - II.3) Short Description of Nature and Quantity or value of Supplies or Services (*in each of the service categories*):

Railway transport services. The Department anticipates commencing the separate procurements of the Essex Thameside, Great Western, Thameslink, InterCity East Coast, South Eastern, Greater Anglia, Northern and TransPennine Express Franchises with the publication of OJEU notices between December 2011 and December 2012.

Following publication of each notice, the Department will invite expressions of interest from potential bidders for the franchises in the form of responses to pre-qualification questionnaires. The

questionnaires shall be made available following the publication of each OJEU notice. The Department anticipates the following programme of publication of OJEU notices, issue of invitations to tender to shortlisted suppliers, announcement of franchise award and contract start date. Great Western Franchise: OJEU notice published December 2011; invitation to tender issued May 2012; award announced end 2012; contract starts April 2013. Essex Thameside Franchise: OJEU notice published December 2011; invitation to tender issued May 2012; award announced end 2012; contract starts May 2013. Thameslink Franchise: OJEU notice published December 2011; invitation to tender issued October 2012; award announced spring 2013; contract starts September 2013. InterCity East Coast Franchise: OJEU notice published August 2012; invitation to tender issued January 2013; award announced summer 2013; contract starts December 2013. South Eastern Franchise: OJEU notice published December 2012; invitation to tender issued May 2013; award announced end 2013; contract starts April 2014. Greater Anglia Franchise: OJEU notice published December 2012; invitation to tender issued August 2013; award announced spring 2014; contract starts July 2014. Northern / TransPennine Express: The Department has extended the current First Keolis TransPennine Express rail franchise to 1 April 2015, with an option for the Department to terminate from 1 April 2014 to enable alignment of relevant timescales. It is anticipated (subject to discussions on the 7 month franchise extension for Northern and the exercise of the option relating to the TransPennine Express) the Northern and TransPennine Express Franchise(s) will be let as follows: OJEU notice published December 2012; invitation to tender(s) issued May 2013; award(s) announced end 2013; contract(s) start April 2014.

- Division into lots (*for information about lots, use Annex B as many times as there are lots*): No
- II.4) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):
 - 60200000 - Railway transport services.
- II.5) Scheduled Date For Start of Award Procedures (*if known*):
- II.6) Contract Covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): Yes
- II.7) Additional Information (*if applicable*):

It is considered that the contracts to which this PIN relates will be Part B services contracts under the Public Contract Regulations 2006 (as amended). Their procurement will be undertaken in pursuance of the franchising provisions of the Railways Act 1993 and the Department is voluntarily utilising the OJEU notice process. The process by which the procurement will operate will be set out in the competition documentation, and will be compatible with applicable EU law.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

- III.1) Conditions relating to the Contract
 - III.1.1) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them (*if known; provide information only in the case of works contracts*): Not Provided
- III.2) Conditions For Participation
 - III.2.1) Reserved contracts : No

Section VI: Complementary Information

- VI.1) Contract Related to A Project and/or Programme Financed by Community Funds: No
- VI.2) Additional Information (*if applicable*)

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- VI.3) Information on General Regulatory Framework
Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained
 - Not Provided
- VI.4) Date of dispatch of this notice 05/08/2011