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**Ireland-Dublin: Public transport services by railways  
2023/S 178-557522**

**Periodic indicative notice – utilities**

**This notice is a periodic indicative notice only**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/25/EU

**Section I: Contracting entity**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie>  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://www.metrolink.ie/>

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity: Roads, Metro and Light Rail

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title:**

M500 Service Delivery Partner PIN  
Reference number: TII150\_01

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

60210000 Public transport services by railways

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description:**

This contract will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 1370/2007.

This Prior Information Notice is made in contemplation of the anticipated launch of a public procurement process for the appointment of the Service Delivery Partner pursuant to the M500 PPP Contract and in furtherance to the ongoing market consultation by TII as advertised in a Prior Information Notice published in the OJEU on 19th April 2022 (TED Reference: [2022/S 076-208843](#)).

The anticipated scope of the proposed M500 PPP Contract will include, inter alia:

- i) the delivery of an integrated public passenger transport service for MetroLink under an availability-based PPP arrangement;
- ii) financing of the M500 PPP Contract in accordance with the arrangements to be set out in the M500 PPP Contract;
- iii) the delivery of line-wide railway systems and rail infrastructure, including all track construction and overhead lines and associated infrastructure;
- iv) provision of rolling stock and integrated signalling systems through the design, manufacture, supply and maintenance of a GoA4 metro system, providing fully automated operation and comprising an integrated command, control, signalling and communication systems and an entirely new dedicated vehicle fleet;
- v) the design, construction and operation of a dedicated MetroLink storage and maintenance depot and an operations control building with a back-up facility at a separate location;
- vi) the design, manufacture, supply, installation and maintenance of all mechanical and electrical plant equipment and associated services throughout the metro alignment including ventilation systems;
- vii) the design and delivery of the station fit out works and of the mechanical and electrical plant equipment and associated services within the sixteen stations within the shell and core structure that has been designed and built under the M401, M402 and M403 contracts;
- viii) the design, construction and operation of a 3,000 capacity park-and-ride facility at the northern terminus;
- ix) the integrated operation and life-cycle maintenance of the metro system and all civil engineering structures associated with the MetroLink system (including as designed and constructed under the M401, M402 and M403 contracts) for an anticipated service period of at least 25 years;
- x) being a Railway Organisation for the metro system within the meaning of the Railway Safety Act 2005 and having ownership of a railway safety case; and
- xi) being the Railway Systems Integration Manager.

The integrated nature of the works to be delivered and the services to be performed under the M500 PPP Contract precludes its division into lots.

The M500 PPP Contract will be awarded in accordance with the procedural requirements for the competitive tendering of a public services contract under Regulation 1370/2007. The NTA is the Competent Authority for the purposes of Regulation 1370/2007 with TII managing the tender procedure. It is anticipated that the procurement process will be conducted in a manner similar to a negotiated procedure with prior call for competition conducted as set out in the Utilities Regulations.

TII will be the Contracting Authority for the M401, M402 and M403 contracts.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

34600000 Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts

34620000 Rolling stock

34630000 Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock; railways traffic-control equipment

34640000 Automotive elements

45213000 Construction work for commercial buildings, warehouses and industrial buildings, buildings relating to transport  
45213320 Construction work for buildings relating to railway transport  
45213321 Railway station construction work  
45213322 Rail terminal building construction work  
45213352 Service depot construction work  
45220000 Engineering works and construction works  
45234100 Railway construction works  
45234112 Railway depot construction work  
45234116 Track construction works  
45234122 Underground railway works  
45234123 Partially underground railway works  
45234125 Underground railway station  
48140000 Railway traffic control software package  
48421000 Facilities management software package  
48813000 Passenger information system  
50221000 Repair and maintenance services of locomotives  
50225000 Railway-track maintenance services  
50232200 Traffic-signal maintenance services  
66122000 Corporate finance and venture capital services  
71240000 Architectural, engineering and planning services  
71242000 Project and design preparation, estimation of costs  
71300000 Engineering services  
71500000 Construction-related services  
71540000 Construction management services  
71541000 Construction project management services  
79993000 Building and facilities management services  
90700000 Environmental services  
50222000 Repair and maintenance services of rolling stock

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Main site or place of performance:  
Dublin

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

MetroLink is a new/greenfield metro railway to be built and operated to provide a high speed, high capacity, high frequency, modern and efficient public transport service for people travelling along the Swords/Airport to City Centre corridor in Dublin and capable of integration with other modes of public transport. More information on MetroLink is available at [www.metrolink.ie/](http://www.metrolink.ie/)

It is intended that MetroLink will be procured through four major separate public contracts as well as a series of smaller advance and enabling works contract packages addressing preparatory issues such as utility diversions. The four major contracts comprise:

- a public services contract using a PPP approach (designated contract number M500) (the “M500 PPP Contract”) whereby a Service Delivery Partner will provide certain works and the integrated operation and maintenance of the public passenger transport service. The integrated services will include the design, supply, construction, operation, maintenance and financing of the metro rolling stock, signalling system (at Grade of Operation 4 - an automated railway), a railway depot and maintenance facility, Park and Ride facility, metro

control centre building(s) together with the installation of all line-wide trackwork, overhead contact system, power and communication systems, mechanical and electrical systems including tunnel and station ventilation, people movement systems and the fit out of finishes in sixteen stations. More information on the scope of this contract is available at [www.metrolink.ie/](http://www.metrolink.ie/).

This contract will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 1370/2007.

- three public works contracts (designated contract numbers M401, M402 and M403) for the design and construction of the tunnels, shafts and portals, station structures (underground, retained cut and surface), viaducts, and related MetroLink civil infrastructure. It is anticipated that these contracts will be delivered using the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC) Option C. These works are divided into three geographical sections being a southern section (M401), central section (M402) and northern section (M403). More information on the scope of these contracts is available at [www.metrolink.ie/](http://www.metrolink.ie/).

These three infrastructure contracts will be awarded by TII in accordance with the provisions of the European Union (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2016 (the "Utilities Regulations"). A separate Prior Information Notice will be published shortly for these contracts in furtherance to ongoing market consultation by TII as advertised in a Prior Information Notice published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) on 19th April 2022 (TED Reference: [2022/S 076-208843](https://ted.europa.eu/udel?uri=TED:2022/S-076-208843)).

It is intended that the contractors for each of these four contracts will also enter into a common interface agreement.

Ongoing Market Engagement in relation to MetroLink

Two Periodic Indicative Notices (PINs) have previously been published by TII in relation to market engagement and consultation on MetroLink. The first PIN was published in the OJEU on 12 November 2019 (TED Reference: [2019/S 218-536230](https://ted.europa.eu/udel?uri=TED:2019/S-218-536230)) in accordance with the requirements of the Utilities Regulations and identified TII as the Contracting Authority for MetroLink. This was issued for the purposes of market consultation on the preliminary approach to the procurement strategy for MetroLink.

A second PIN was published by TII in the OJEU on 19 April 2022 (TED Reference: [2022/S 076-208843](https://ted.europa.eu/udel?uri=TED:2022/S-076-208843)) in respect of registration of interest in the ongoing market consultation, including with regard to the potential scope of the MetroLink PPP Contract package and the services and areas potentially covered in the Metro Link PPP Contract package.

#### II.2.14) **Additional information**

This current Prior Information Notice relates only to the MetroLink M500 PPP Contract. During the period prior to the anticipated call for competition, it is anticipated that a further market consultation will be held for the M500 PPP Contract.. Any party who is interested in participating in the market consultation is invited to express its interest by registering under this PIN. <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/pmc/viewPmc.do?resourceId=2391912>. All parties who have previously expressed interest in MetroLink by registering under the previous PIN (dated 19 April 2022) will be considered automatically for the future market updates and market consultation(s) under this PIN. .Ongoing Market Engagement in relation to MetroLink. Two Periodic Indicative Notices (PINs) have previously been published by TII in relation to market engagement and consultation on MetroLink. The first PIN was published in the OJEU on 12 November 2019 (TED Reference: [2019/S 218-536230](https://ted.europa.eu/udel?uri=TED:2019/S-218-536230)) in accordance with the requirements of the Utilities Regulations and identified TII as the Contracting Authority for MetroLink. This was issued for the purposes of market consultation on the preliminary approach to the procurement strategy for MetroLink.. A second PIN was published by TII in the OJEU on 19 April 2022 (TED Reference: [2022/S 076-208843](https://ted.europa.eu/udel?uri=TED:2022/S-076-208843)) in respect of registration of interest in the ongoing market consultation, including with regard to the potential scope of the MetroLink PPP Contract package and the services and areas potentially covered in the Metro Link PPP Contract package.. The current Prior Information Notice relates only to the MetroLink M500 PPP Contract. During the period prior to the anticipated call for competition, it is anticipated that a further market consultation will be held for the M500 PPP Contract.. Any party who is interested in participating in

the market consultation is invited to express its interest by registering under this PIN. All parties who have previously expressed interest in MetroLink by registering under the previous PIN (dated 19 April 2022) will be considered automatically for the future market updates and market consultation(s) under this PIN. . European Dynamics - View PMC workspace (etenders.gov.ie). Registration of interest in the M500 PPP Contract does not have any bearing or preclude registration of interest for the M401, M402 and M403 Contracts which is subject to a separate registration process under the PIN for those Contracts.. Issues to be raised with registered participants for the M500 PPP Contract are expected to focus on: • the nature and terms of the availability-based PPP; • any interests or concerns raised by potential investors and funders, including possible financing arrangements for the M500 PPP Contract; • the nature and form of the expected interface agreement between the four major public contracts (M500, M401, M402 and M403 Contracts); and • matters raised related to the performance of the M401, M402 and M403 contract packages that may affect the performance of the M500 PPP Contract.. Information on MetroLink, including market updates, is available at [www.metrolink.ie/](http://www.metrolink.ie/). Please note that all correspondence in relation to MetroLink will be via the eTenders portal or the email address in section 1.3) Communication, as appropriate..

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**  
01/12/2024

#### **Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) **Administrative information**

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

This contract will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 1370/2007. IMPORTANT: This is not a call for competition and therefore no tender documents are available.. No competitive process will result from this advertisement and any future competitions will be subject to appropriate advertisement via the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie).. Participation or non-participation in any engagement during the pre-tender consultation process will not prejudice participation in any future tender competition. Organisations or service providers will be required to satisfy the requirements and criteria to be advertised in any subsequent tender competition in order to be selected to proceed to tender.. No compensation or fees for attending any meetings or engagements will be payable by NTA or TII.. Please note that expressions of interest can be submitted via the eTenders portal or the email address in section 1.3) Communication, as appropriate. .

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
12/09/2023