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Is this contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)? NO YES

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) OFFICIAL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

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I.2) ADDRESS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED

As in I.1 If different, see Annex A

I.3) TYPE OF CONTRACTING AUTHORITY *

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| Central level | <input type="checkbox"/> | EU institution | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regional/local level | <input type="checkbox"/> | Body governed by public law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |

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SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

WORKS

**II.1) TITLE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONTRACT BY THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY ***

Edinburgh Tram Network: Procurement of Infraco

II.2) PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The City of Edinburgh and surrounding areas as appropriate

NUTS code * UKM25

II.3) NOMENCLATURE**II.3.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) ***

	Main vocabulary	Supplementary vocabulary (<i>when applicable</i>)
Main object	45234126	--
Additional objects	45234121	--
	29813130	--
	29813200	--
	45100000	--
	45220000	--
	50220000	--
	50225000	--
	74230000	--
	35200000	--
	35222000	--
	35222100	--
	35230000	--
	45234127	--
	45234128	--
	74232000	--
	74233300	--
	45315100	--
	45351000	--
	50222000	--

II.3.2) Other relevant nomenclature (NACE)**II.4) NATURE AND SCOPE OF WORK**

tie is currently refining its procurement strategy in relation to the infrastructure works (including system integration services) and trams for Line One and Line Two of the proposed tram network in Edinburgh. In addition to Lines One and Two, this procurement strategy will also cover any modification, line extension, spur, interconnection and any additional lines, which together with Lines One and Two are referred to as the "Edinburgh Tram Network". This notice gives prior information of the proposed procurement in which tie's current intention is to appoint the provider of the design, construction, installation,

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commissioning, system integration and maintenance of the Edinburgh Tram Network (the "Infraco"). tie has appointed a consultant to provide system design services ("SDS Provider") to tie in respect of the Edinburgh Tram Network and it is tie's proposed approach to novate the SDS Provider to the Infraco at contract award. tie also currently proposes to novate the supplier of trams for the Edinburgh Tram Network to the Infraco at contract award.

II.5) ESTIMATED COST OF WORK EXCLUDING VAT *(if known)*

Between _____ and _____ Currency _____

II.6) SCHEDULED DATE FOR START OF *(if known)*

procedure	01/11/2005 <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>
work	31/03/2007 <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>

II.7) COMPLETION DATE *(if known)* // *(dd/mm/yyyy)*

II.8) MAIN TERMS OF FINANCING AND PAYMENT *(if known)*

tie is currently assessing the financing options for this procurement and this may or may not involve a PFI element.

II.9) OTHER INFORMATION *(if applicable)*

tie is a wholly owned subsidiary of City of Edinburgh Council ("CEC"). tie is responsible for the delivery of CEC's integrated transport initiative for Edinburgh and south east Scotland of which the Edinburgh Tram Network is an integral component. tie will conduct the proposed procurement process on behalf of itself as principal and also as agent for CEC. The contract awarded may be entered into by either or both of these bodies or another duly authorised and related entity.

Before publication of the main Official Journal contract notice for the procurement referred to in section II.4 above, tie would like to engage in a consultative dialogue with experienced tramway infrastructure contractors and system integrators for the purposes of subsequently being able to structure the proposed procurement to achieve efficiency in process and outcome. This would, it is hoped, support value for money opportunities and generally enhance the competitiveness of the procurement process. Experienced tramway infrastructure contractors and system integrators who may be interested in the proposed procurement and would like to participate in the consultation process are urged to respond to Ian Kendall, Tram Project Director, at the address in I.1 above, before 12 noon (Edinburgh time) on 20 October 2005. Meetings with interested parties are planned for the week commencing 30 October 2005 in Edinburgh. Since it will only be feasible for tie to conduct meaningful dialogue with a limited number of interested parties, tie will need to select, at tie's sole discretion, the parties with the most relevant experience of carrying out major tramway infrastructure works and system integration. Accordingly, interested parties are requested, in the responses referred to above, to provide tie with an outline of their relevant experience of carrying out major tram infrastructure works (within a challenging urban setting), system integration and, system and tram vehicle maintenance. Such experience should be given on no more than two sides of A4. tie will send a project information memorandum, together with instructions and a short list of questions to all interested parties who submit an outline of their relevant experience. These documents will be used to structure consultation discussions.

tie shall have no liability for any costs howsoever incurred by those participating in this process and it is stressed that involvement in the consultation in no way affects a respondent's future participation in the formal procurement process which tie plans to initiate shortly. The dates expressed in section II.6 are estimated.

(for details about lots use Annex B as many times as needed)

SECTION IV: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.1) REFERENCE NUMBER ATTRIBUTED TO THE FILE BY THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY *

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SECTION VI: OTHER INFORMATION

VI.1) IS THIS NOTICE A NON-MANDATORY ONE?

NO YES

VI.2) DOES THE CONTRACT RELATE TO A PROJECT/PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS? *

NO YES

If yes, indicate the project/programme and any useful reference

VI.3) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE

04 / 10 / 2005 (*dd/mm/yyyy*)

ANNEX A

1.2) ADDRESS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED

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