

# Network Rail Wales & Western region announces suppliers for CP7 projects

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Network Rail has announced AmcoGiffen, Octavius, BAM Nuttall, Morgan Sindall Infrastructure, and Taylor Woodrow will be among their trusted suppliers involved in delivering Wales and Western region's £2 billion programme of works over the next eight years.

The six contracts play a key part in a new way of working where Wales and Western region will work collaboratively with trusted suppliers over a longer term to deliver faster and more efficient projects, achieving greater value for money for the public purse.

The contracts cover essential renewals to buildings and structures, like bridges, tunnels, culverts and drainage, as well as supplying and maintaining electrification and plant.

Following industry, government and supplier feedback on best practice, Wales and Western have put in place contracts which will cover electrification and plant, stations, and buildings and civils renewals projects from 2024 to 2029 (Control Period 7) with options to extend to a maximum total of eight years.

The electrification and plant portfolio is extremely varied, covering major overhead line interventions to

new points heaters, and all the plant at the Severn Tunnel pumping station. The stations work streams includes new stations at North Filton and Henbury in Bristol, Wellington and Cullompton in Devon, and Charfield in South Gloucestershire.

By packaging the work into one portfolio Network Rail is expecting efficiencies in time and cost through best use of resources, consistency, continual improvement as well as better coordinated access to the railway and a focus on innovative solutions.

This new approach will enable Wales and Western and their suppliers to work much more collaboratively across a longer-term pipeline of work, enabling suppliers to better manage their own resources and supply chain, and help them deliver the right project solutions working closely with Network Rail.

In turn, Wales and Western is committed to working with suppliers to find new ways of working in line with the principles of the SPEED approach to project delivery, focusing on the right solutions at the right cost, delivering faster and more efficiently, and providing value for money for taxpayers. The longer-term collaboration and commercial focus will encourage this more effective contracting and help improve how Network Rail designs, plans and develops projects to deliver better outcomes for passengers, freight and funders.

These contracts form part of Wales and Western's overall programme to develop long term supply relationships, like that already in place with our South Rail System Alliance (Colas and Aecom), and will be followed by similar contracts for signalling later in 2023.

Stuart Calvert, capital delivery director for Network Rail's Wales & Western region, said: "We have made real progress in transforming the delivery of our investment projects, reducing the time and cost of our work, as we saw with completion of the Dartmoor Line to Okehampton.

"We're taking this same approach to our renewals, and it's very important that we select excellent suppliers and work collaboratively to get the same sort of benefits which will ultimately support better service for our passengers and freight customers. I'm very excited with these new contracts and look forward to developing the portfolio of works with them."

1. Wales and Western electrification and plant – AmcoGiffen
2. Wales and Western stations and buildings work contract, covering ongoing maintenance and renewals of canopies, buildings, depots, platform structures, car parks and subways – Octavius
3. Wales and Borders structures – AmcoGiffen
4. Wales and Borders geotechnical and off-track drainage work – BAM Nuttall
5. Western geotechnical and off-track drainage work – Vinci
6. Western structures including ongoing maintenance and renewals of assets such as bridges, tunnels, walls and culverts – Morgan Sindall Infrastructure

John Dowsett, chief executive officer at Octavius Infrastructure, said: "We're thrilled to have been awarded the Wales & Western Stations and Buildings package.

"We're excited to work with Network Rail, and other partners, to deliver efficient and sustainable solutions

in the region, using our knowledge and experience to improve the passenger experience and create benefit for the local communities we'll be working in."

Simon Smith, managing director for Morgan Sindall Infrastructure, said: "We're pleased to secure a place on the CP7 framework, continuing our relationship with Network Rail in the Wales and Western region.

"We continue to build a strong track record delivering multiple projects within a framework context as we support Network Rail to improve their structural assets, providing a reliable and positive experience for passengers in the region for years to come."

Richard Foster, project manager at BAM Nuttall, said: "We are delighted to be working collaboratively with NR and SMEs to increase sustainability, efficiencies and working with local communities throughout CP7 while maintaining our excellent record of keeping our colleagues, stakeholders and passengers safe."

John Booth, managing director at AmcoGiffen said: "We are proud to be awarded the Lot 2 Wales Structures Framework, which provides us with an opportunity to strengthen our longstanding partnership with Network Rail and our supply chain in Wales & Western.

"Investment to maintain and renew our rail infrastructure is more important than ever and we look forward to collaborating with framework partners to safely deliver these work programmes, providing substantial benefits to the travelling public.

"We are doubly proud to also be awarded the Wales & Western Electrification & Plant Framework, allowing us to expand our current services in the Region.

"This framework further supports our business goals, working collaboratively with partners and stakeholders to safely and efficiently improve the railway for passengers and communities and provide opportunities for employment, training and increase diversity in the industry."

Louise Arrowsmith, regional operations director for Taylor Woodrow, said: "Taylor Woodrow is delighted to have been awarded a place on the Framework to help maximise efficiency of the rail network. Our history in rail spans over 50 years and we look forward to applying our engineering expertise to maintain a safe, efficient and reliable railway for passengers and freight customers."

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