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GB Rail Supplier Assurance Providers Announced

Altius and Capita have been selected to provide enhancements to RISQS, the UK railway's supplier pre-qualification scheme.

RISQS (Railway Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme) is used by Network Rail, London Underground and 116 other buyers with over 4,300 supplier members throughout the GB rail industry.

Pending successful conclusion of a standard 10-day standstill period, Altius VA Ltd has been awarded the contract to provide IT, verification and management services for RISQS, and Capita plc has been selected to deliver audit services. Work will now begin to prepare for the transition before the new arrangements begin in May 2018.

The evolution of the RISQS scheme from its current status as a concession to a contract, managed by RSSB on behalf of the industry, will deliver enhanced benefits to all members of the scheme. Working with RSSB the new contractors will evolve RISQS by:

- Introducing a new easy to use platform with more functionality to replace the current outdated IT system
- Responding more quickly to changes in industry requirements
- Providing the ability to integrate with buyer and supplier systems
- Introducing the ability to access data in the scheme for industry learning
- Improving cost effectiveness with a pricing review to make RISQS fairer, more transparent and demonstrate value for money
- Working with RSG (Rail Supply Group), RDG (Rail Delivery Group) and other key industry bodies to identify ways RISQS could be a platform to promote UK rail expertise post Brexit

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1. For more information on the RISQS scheme please see <http://www.risqs.org/>
2. For more information on RSSB please see <https://www.rssb.co.uk/>
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