



## Gain Accreditation as an Assured UK Rail Supplier

Achilles Link-Up is a supplier registration and pre-qualification system used by buyers in all areas of the transport sector to have up-to-date and validated supplier information, and to procure efficiently in accordance with UK regulations.

Link-Up gives suppliers of all sizes an equal opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities and market their products and services whilst ensuring compliance to industry standards, such as Sentinel, and reducing risks for buying organisations.

### How can joining Achilles Link-Up help your company?

Subscribing to Link-Up enables you to:

- Promote your products and services to the key players in the sector, gaining competitive advantage in the market.
- Get shortlisted for tender opportunities where selection is made directly from Link-Up.
- Save time and effort by completing a single pre-qualification questionnaire to individual buyers.
- Demonstrate capability to meet the requirements set out by the UK transport sector.
- Free membership to the wider Achilles Network, opening up even more exposure to buyers in all infrastructure sectors like construction and utilities with just one simple pre-qualification questionnaire.

# Membership Levels

## Member

A zero cost level of Link-Up registration open to all Suppliers wishing to provide goods and services to rail Buyers. The membership level involves the completion of a short prequalification questionnaire (PQQ) that will provide Buying organisations visibility of your key details and provision of services (mapped to RICCL standards) along with the status of RISQS registration and audit status where applicable.

## Silver

A level of Link-Up registration enabling Suppliers to provide a more detailed overview of their companies' key competences by completing a comprehensive PQQ including health and safety, environment and quality, CSR and human rights. At a flat rate of £300.00, Achilles Link-up Silver level is the industry's most cost effective method of showcasing full questionnaire compliance to the Rail Industry sector.

## Audit

### Module 1 - Core Requirements (CR)

All suppliers undergoing audit shall complete this audit module to supply against the products and services that they provide.

### Module 2 - Construction Design & Management Regulations

Suppliers who wish to undertake works covered by the CDM Regulations 2015.

### Module 3 - Sentinel

Suppliers who wish to sponsor staff to work on the operational railway in the area known as "on or near the line".

### Module 4 - Safe Work Planning (SWP)

Suppliers who plan to protect workers from the operational railway by creating Safe Systems of Work Packs (SSWoP). These shall be planned to meet a specific standard by planners qualified to the specific Sentinel competence.

### Module 5 - the On-Track Plant Operations Scheme (POS)

Suppliers that wish to hire out or operate their own OTP on the Network Rail infrastructure.

## Additional service options

### Audit (Certified by Network Rail)

As a qualified supplier in the transport community, your company can apply for an audit. The purpose of the audit is to assess supplier's corporate social responsibility, health, safety, environment and quality capabilities face-to-face with an auditor, and identify areas for business improvement and risk reduction. Conducting one of our audits will allow you to highlight the compliance areas that are important to your key buyers in the sector, whilst also improving your company's opportunities for future business.

### NOTICE - additional business opportunities for suppliers

Thousands of tender opportunities are published in the Official European Journal (OJEU) and Find A Tender Service (FTS) every week. However, identifying which ones are of interest to your company can be difficult. Supplier NOTiCE provides a low-cost solution to track both databases and automatically matches relevant opportunities to the products and services you provide – direct to your inbox.



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