

The current contract between NS Reizigers B.V. (“NS”) and Corys T.E.S.S. (“Corys”) covers the delivery and maintenance of Train Simulators for the existing NS train fleet.

In order to meet its obligations, NS must train all its drivers in time to drive with the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS). Due to several developments (as described below), NS is forced to review its training program, which has implications for the number of simulators required.

1. The implementation of the Hogesnelheidslijn (HSL) Schiphol – Antwerpen basic training courses has shown that training with more simulator time per participant leads to better training results and ultimately to fewer disruptions in operations and timetables;
2. Practicing in practice, as part of the basic training, appears to be operationally not feasible. Therefore more simulator practice time is required;
3. To reduce the impact of training time on staff shortages, the training time is shortened, the group size is increased and practice time with simulators is intensified;
4. The regular application of the procedures on track is necessary to keep the knowledge and skills at the required level. In the first few years this cannot take place sufficiently in practice and will have to take place on simulators;
5. In order to keep withdrawals as a result of the travel time for this training as low as possible, simulators will be placed locally (instead of at one training facility).

NS invokes clause 2.163d jo. 3.80d of the Dutch Procurement Law 2012 (Aanbestedingswet 2012). Due to the above mentioned developments additional simulators (a simplified version, but with the same functionality) are necessary and must be integrated within the existing training programs.

This can only be realized by the current supplier Corys, because NS and Corys jointly created a database for the simulators that are in use within the NS training facility. The envisaged expansion of the scope is defined around this database back-bone. However, the current contract does not provide the opportunity to purchase additional simulators and to develop software to enable remote training (without direct supervision from trainers).

NS intends to order between 70-85 additional simulators and additional software. Furthermore, Corys will perform (third line) maintenance as long as the estimated life cycle of the new simulators last. Sourcing simulators provided by other suppliers than Corys would lead to unacceptable extra costs and additional lead time for the development of NS specific software as well as extra costs for maintenance. These modifications do not alter the overall nature of the contract.