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## **Request for information, an alternative solution for safer operation of DEPLOYING, CHANGING AND REMOVING Temporary speed restrictions on rail tracks**

Connected Places Catapult

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-001219

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://cp.catapult.org.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Transportation

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

CPC2023118

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48813100 - Electronic bulletin boards
  - AA01 - Metal

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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In the attached challenge statement document, the challenge and the customer requirements have been described. As we want to keep the suppliers thinking outside of the box and come up with a creative/innovative solution, any new ideas are welcome by returning the completed Response document.

If interested, please register at link below if not already registered and Express an Interest on this project and you will be able to download the RFI documents:

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#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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Network Rail (NR), the Central Rail Systems Alliance (CRSA) and Connected Places Catapult are publishing a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to engage with the wider market for services or solutions to improve the deployment and display of temporary speed information.

A configurable and intelligent solution for temporary speed restrictions is sought that will improve staff safety and reduce delays caused by reconfiguration. It is desirable to have a solution that can be used across the entire UK rail network. The challenge statement is an accompanying document to the PIN and describes the problem, its context, and the key requirements for a solution. Potential suppliers are asked to respond to this notice and explain the capabilities of their products or solutions that are currently available, or near-market prototype maturity.

The PIN offers the market a convenient way to engage with NR and share product or service's unique selling points and how they can solve this challenge. NR has a specific and upcoming need for solutions and needs support from one or more suppliers to address the challenge. There is no presumption that respondents will have previous experience operating in a rail environment, and a variety of potential solutions are sought.

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

3 April 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes