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Planning

THE PROVISION OF RESEARCH INTO FIRE SAFETY - SMOKE CONTROL PROVISIONS IN BLOCKS OF FLATS

Health and Safety Executive

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Scope

Reference

HSE/T4832

Description

As part of the continuous review of Approved Document B (ADB) the relevant stakeholder workshops, a Call for Evidence, and advice from the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) highlighted the need for research into the area of "Smoke Control in Blocks of Flats". The research is aimed to review whether the provisions in ADB relating to smoke control in blocks of flats are fit for purpose and effective in meeting the minimum requirements under Schedule 1, Part B1 of the Building Regulations 2010.

Total value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2028
- Possible extension to 19 April 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 February 2026

Engagement process description

HSE is issuing this Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) notice to communicate with potential bidders for this upcoming tender exercise.

HSE will run sessions in 30-minute slots via invite only Microsoft teams calls on Tuesday 10th February 2026 10:00-12:00 and Wednesday 11th February 2026 10:00-12:00, ahead of publishing the invitation to tender, expected W/C 16th February 2026. HSE therefore invites interested parties to contact tenders@hse.gov.uk on or before 6th February 2026 to register their interest.

Interested parties that make contact will be sent a MS Teams invitation. Any responses to clarification questions that are raised will be captured and published as part of the tender pack.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Health and Safety Executive

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXM-4389-TXVZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government