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## **Department for Transport National Transport Model v. 5 2024 Rebase**

Department for Transport

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

Department for Transport

London

#### **Email**

[charles.jansen@dft.gov.uk](mailto:charles.jansen@dft.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Department for Transport National Transport Model v. 5 2024 Rebase

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

A PIN for this opportunity, requesting engagement from interested parties, has already been published at: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/009464-2024?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

This PIN duplicates the previous PIN, with an amended response deadline of 11:00, 22nd April 2024.

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There are three important elements to this work. First, and most important, the requirement is to update the highway assignment component of NTMv5 to reflect the situation post-covid19. This is needed for strategic forecasting purposes. In practice, this means using data from 2022 and 2023, a shorter period than the original data used to estimate NTMv5. The challenge with this work will be to exercise judgement about where compromises are needed to meet the tight timescales for this project, whilst still providing sufficient quality for strategic forecasting. This work may also provide some opportunity (albeit within limited timescales) for an innovative approach to meet this challenge.

Secondly, we intend to switch from using National Highways traffic counts to the Department's data (potentially including traffic by region and road type as well as counts) for this update. This is because for strategic forecasting purposes, the Department requires the modelled traffic to match its own understanding of traffic in the model base

year.

Finally, the Department would like to have the capability to carry out similar updates in-house in future. Therefore, we would anticipate allowing some time after the model updates are complete for documentation, handover, and potentially training to the Department in the methods used for this update.

This Prior Information Notice aims to gather information from potential bidders about their capability and capacity to provide these services - via an expression of interest.

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Once you have registered an account, please access and respond to the Jaggaer PQQ event for this EoI (pqq\_431, available at: <https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/go/10612947018E65985C93>).

Communications about this procurement should be routed by the message function under the PQQ event.

The deadline for responses to the EoI is 11:00, 22 April 2024. Further competition will not be restricted to respondents to this EoI.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72300000 - Data services
- 79315000 - Social research services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

3 May 2024

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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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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