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Tender

1015007208 T1403 - Preventing unsolicited brake applications: A new approach to PassComm system design

RSSB

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Scope

Reference

1015007208

Description

This research will explore whether changes in system logic, design, or supporting processes could reduce unnecessary emergency stops between stations while preserving the ability to effectively respond to PTI or other genuine emergencies.

This work directly supports the Rail Delivery Group's Network Performance Board and its Performance Restoration Framework pillar 'Keeping Trains Safely Moving'. It also aligns with the Rail Technical Strategy's Critical Enabler 'Optimised Train Operations' and RSSB's Rail Health and Safety Strategy (RHSS). This work is sponsored by the Operations Standards Forum (OSF) and supported by the Better Operations and Programme Board (BOPB).

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Total value (estimated)

- £75,000 excluding VAT
- £90,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 April 2026 to 12 January 2027
- 9 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 March 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

20 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://rssb.delta-esourcing.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
W2 Tenderer's understanding and methodology	Quality	30%
W3 Tenderer's experience and individual expertise	Quality	30%
W6 Cost of project	Price	20%
W4 Project management: Planning and engagement	Quality	15%
W5 Project management: Risks and opportunities	Quality	5%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

RSSB

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVGN-9767-BLPT

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