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Planning

Bus RTPI Soft Market Testing Exercise - RFI

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Cambridgeshire's Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) current consortium members consist of, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough Council, Luton Borough Council, West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council and Milton Keynes Council.

The RTPI consortium members are seeking input from the market for the provision, installation and ongoing support for a bus real time passenger information system. This will include migrating existing RTPI display assets from multiple providers into one system and exploring the provision of solutions other than displays to disseminate bus RTPI to bus users.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 1 March 2031
- Possible extension to 1 March 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire
- UKF25 - North Northamptonshire
- UKH11 - Peterborough
- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- UKH21 - Luton
- UKH24 - Bedford
- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire
- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 June 2025

Engagement process description

At present, it is undecided if the local authorities will procure a new RTPI contract on their own or as a consortium. This may be a simple contract for the services required or the setting up of a new framework, similar to that procured before. Each local authority is currently assessing the pros and cons for the two procurement options and will confirm their preference in the next few months.

This market assessment is not part of the procurement process, but is purely investigative in nature, to potentially assist the RTPI consortium members in defining a specification, tender document and contract for the project.

Each of the local authorities wishes to understand the current market position better via the questions supplied below.

The same information will be gathered from all providers who have been invited to participate in the soft market testing exercise.

Please note, this advert relates to a soft market testing exercise only and is NOT a call for competition.

Any contracts for services or supplies relating to this exercise will be subject to a separate procurement process in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 (published 24th February 2025) and involvement in the soft market testing does not give the consultant / contractor any advantage in the separate procurement process.

All participants in this soft market testing exercise shall be responsible for their own costs in relation to it (including third party costs) and the RTPI consortium members shall have no liability to any participant.

Register for opportunity here:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login?ReturnUrl=/Advert?advertId=968d72fe-5432-f011-8136-005056b64545&fromRfxSummary=True&rfxId=94abd7af-5532-f011-8136-005056b64545>

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXV-5726-VWGJ

2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street

Huntingdon

PE29 3TN

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

Region: UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Central Bedfordshire Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: consortium member

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVNH-1137-QJBX

Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands

Shefford

SG17 5TQ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Region: UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

Bedford Borough Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: consortium member

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLCV-4616-VTHL

Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street

Bedford

MK42 9AP

United Kingdom

Email: Commercial.Hub@bedford.gov.uk

Region: UKH24 - Bedford

Luton Borough Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: consortium member

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWCV-4283-GVPW

Town Hall

Luton

LU1 2BQ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@luton.gov.uk

Region: UKH21 - Luton

West Northamptonshire Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: consortium member

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGDV-8944-CMBP

Angel Street

Northampton

NN1 1ED

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@westnorthants.gov.uk

Region: UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

North Northamptonshire Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: consortium member

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQCM-5634-HGCN

The Corby Cube, George Street

Corby

NN17 1QG

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@northnorthants.gov.uk

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Milton Keynes City Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: consortium member

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDZ-6131-PWZH

Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East

Milton Keynes

MK9 3EJ

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Region: UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Contact organisation

Contact Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for any enquiries.