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## **Specialist Technical and Commercial Advisory for Rail and Other Transport Systems Framework (STARThree)**

Department for Transport

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

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

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London

SW1P 4DR

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

STARThree Market Engagement Event

London

**Contact**

GLASGOWS

**Email**

[dftevents@glasgows.co.uk](mailto:dftevents@glasgows.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://StarThreeEngagement.co.uk/home>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Transport

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Specialist Technical and Commercial Advisory for Rail and Other Transport Systems Framework (STARThree)

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

- 71311230 - Railway engineering services

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

Services

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

To support the Department's commitment to increase the level of investment in transport it requires access to specialist technical and commercial advisory support. Currently the demand for this support is successfully met through the Specialist Technical Advisory for Rail (STARTwo) Framework which is managed by the Department's Group Commercial Directorate (GCD). The STARTwo Framework enables access to high quality, professionally qualified and experienced specialist third party advisory support for a range of service requirements.

Subject to approvals, on behalf of the Department and other Crown Bodies, GCD intends to procure a replacement four year (2+1+1 year arrangement) framework to enable similar access to high quality, professionally qualified and experienced specialist third party advisory support for a range of service requirements once the STARTwo Framework term expires in May 2023.

It is proposed that the STARThree Framework will have two lots, as further detailed in this notice. This is a change from the previous STARTwo Framework structure where there were previously three lots.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £600,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

Lot 1

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

- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 71244000 - Calculation of costs, monitoring of costs
- 71311230 - Railway engineering services
- 71311300 - Infrastructure works consultancy services
- 71313410 - Risk or hazard assessment for construction
- 71313420 - Environmental standards for construction
- 71313430 - Environmental indicators analysis for construction
- 71313440 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services for construction
- 71313450 - Environmental monitoring for construction
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 79311100 - Survey design services
- 79311300 - Survey analysis services
- 79311410 - Economic impact assessment

- 79312000 - Market-testing services
- 79313000 - Performance review services
- 79314000 - Feasibility study
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 79417000 - Safety consultancy services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services
- 79421100 - Project-supervision services other than for construction work
- 79421200 - Project-design services other than for construction work

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

SW1P 4DR

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

Lot 1 is proposed to have a similar structure to the current Lot 1 of the STARTwo Framework. This lot is proposed to be split into three grades of Suppliers (PRIME, MEDIUM and EXPERT) dependent on initial bidding criteria relating to capability, capacity and availability.

It is proposed that Lot 1 of STARThree will provide specialist technical and commercial advisory (consultancy) services across five specialist categories;

Category A – Transport Strategy, Planning and Economic Forecasting Advice;

Category B – Transport Operations and Performance Advice;

Category C – Commercial Advice for Transport;

Category D – Transport Infrastructure and Asset Advice; and

Category E – Transport Project and Programme Management Advice

Please see the Additional Information for this lot for further details on Categories.

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

This notice is for information. A Separate Contract Notice containing further details is expected to be issued

shortly to start the formal pre-qualification process.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 71311230 - Railway engineering services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

SW1P 4DR

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

Lot 2 is proposed to have a similar structure to the current Lot 3 of the STARTwo Framework. This lot is proposed to include up to six transport market specific ‘Agency’ Suppliers who would be measured on their ability to expediently access suitably experienced, high calibre,

specialist technical and commercial advisory (consultancy) services for the following Category;

Category F – Strategic Commercial Advice for Transport

Typical requirements include but are not limited to:

Specialist recruitment planning

Development of specialist recruitment campaigns and strategies

Sourcing interim staff

Sourcing of high calibre panel and review team resources

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

1 April 2022

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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

The STARThree Market Engagement Event will provide Potential Bidders the opportunity to learn about the proposed structure of the new Framework including how it differs from STARTwo, so they may consider whether to bid for the new STARThree Framework when it launches in 2022.

Potential Bidders are invited to register their interest (up to 3 individuals per organisation) for the Department for Transport's virtual STARThree Framework Market Engagement event on Thursday 16 December 2021. The event will start at 10 am and end at approximately 12 noon.

The event will include a question and answer session and delegates can submit questions anonymously for consideration by the panel. The virtual event will be recorded and available for those who have registered, for up to a month afterwards.

Please use the link below to register your interest. Registration closes at 17:00 on Wednesday 15 December 2021

<https://StarThreeEngagement.co.uk/home>

If you experience any issues registering for the event please contact [dftevents@glasgows.co.uk](mailto:dftevents@glasgows.co.uk)

It is intended that the STARThree Framework will be procured under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 as amended using the two stage Restricted Procedure.

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