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## **Specialist Professional and Technical Service 3 (SPaTS3) Framework**

National Highways

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

[www.nationalhighways.co.uk](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://nationalhighways.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

**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://nationalhighways.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Specialist Professional and Technical Service 3 (SPaTS3) Framework

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

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

Services

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

Within the next 6 to 12 months, National Highways will be retendering for a replacement to the current Specialist Professional and Technical Services Framework 2 (SPaTS2). This new Framework will be called SPaTS3.

The SPaTS3 Framework which will seek to build on the solid foundations laid under SPaTS and SPaTS2 and create a Framework model that will provide access to leading technical and engineering expertise in a way that will provide commercial value for National Highways going into and through RIS3.

The SPaTS3 Framework will also seek to integrate important social value elements into the delivery of professional services under the Framework.

The value of the Framework is currently estimated to be circa £495m. This covers the final year of Roads Period 2 and the whole of Roads Period 3 (2024 – 2030).

The Suppliers will be expected to provide road transport-related technical consultancy, engineering advice, research and innovation services.

A Market Engagement Day is planned for 28th November 2023 in Birmingham to explain further the information set out in this PMEQ. The day will provide an opportunity for potential Suppliers to gain a broader understanding of the requirements, the emerging plans for the SPaTS3 Framework as well as provide an opportunity for National Highways to answer any queries on the PMEQ and share initial thinking received from the supply chain.

Please email [SPaTS3@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:SPaTS3@nationalhighways.co.uk) to book your attendance or for more information.

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

Value excluding VAT: £498,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- 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)

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

The scope of works that could be delivered through the SPaTS3 Framework is shown below.

The Suppliers will be expected to provide road transport-related technical consultancy, engineering advice, research and innovation services. The services required come under the following headings:

- a) asset operation, maintenance, assurance and performance
- b) business support (in key areas of specialist / technical support)
- c) communications and data transfer
- d) customer insight research, market research and publicity
- e) design standards manuals and departures
- f) economics, statistics and transport modelling

- g) enforcement policy
- h) environmental
- i) geotechnical engineering
- j) Health, Safety & Well being, security, road safety and vehicle restraint
- k) highway structures
- l) identity & image
- m) incident management and traffic officer service
- n) intelligent transport
- o) management information systems
- p) network resilience
- q) pavement engineering
- r) pilots and trials
- s) post implementation evaluation
- t) quality management
- u) risk and value management
- v) road user behaviour
- w) strategic transport planning and policy
- x) sustainability
- y) traffic signals and road lighting
- z) transport engineering

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

25 March 2025

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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**

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) does not constitute any commitment by National Highways to undertake any public procurement exercise.

Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to this PIN. Nor shall a response to this PIN guarantee an invitation to participate in any future procurement process that National Highways may conduct.

This PIN does not constitute a call for competition to procure any works or services and is not published to reduce time limits for the receipt of tenders. National Highways is not bound to accept any proposals offered.

National Highways is not liable for any costs, fees or expenses incurred by any party responding to this PIN or any party who may participate in any future procurement process. In the event that National Highways decides to proceed with any procurement, it is currently assumed that such procurement will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or any successor legislation.

A document containing further details of this opportunity is available via this link.

[https://highways-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/ben\\_jones2\\_nationalhighways\\_co\\_uk/EZj-1hZ24rVDnbcwd9xo3xkBsvE27c5S8t4a5W9ISBe6lQ?e=q0RBdT](https://highways-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/ben_jones2_nationalhighways_co_uk/EZj-1hZ24rVDnbcwd9xo3xkBsvE27c5S8t4a5W9ISBe6lQ?e=q0RBdT)

Link to Pre Market Engagement Questionnaire

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sp9QKa9\\_i0-3ojL5bsXeb1cQ9o\\_d x79LonDHRFYOsVRUMFJXVU1YSkhJQ1JWV0c2VDg2WVhQS1BVSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sp9QKa9_i0-3ojL5bsXeb1cQ9o_d x79LonDHRFYOsVRUMFJXVU1YSkhJQ1JWV0c2VDg2WVhQS1BVSS4u)