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Planning

978799118 978798928 Market Engagement Questionnaire for T1398 – T1399 accessible boarding

Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB)

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The range of stepping arrangements at the Platform Train Interface (PTI) on the GB network presents issues for safe and independent boarding across the GB rail network. Variations in platform height, train floor level, door opening treadplates and platform curvature create vertical and lateral stepping distances that present accessibility as well as safety and operational challenges, particularly for passengers with reduced mobility or other access needs. These challenges also affect dwell times, operational performance, and passenger confidence.

While previous research has provided valuable insights into PTI geometry, human factors, and accessibility implications, the industry still lacks a useable classification system that links physical PTI geometry measures to accessibility levels. An evidence-based framework is needed to guide cost-effective interventions and prioritise investment in

boarding accessibility.

To address this gap, RSSB together with NR System Operator is scoping two complementary research projects. We are seeking supplier input into the scoping activity underway. Please provide your views on the questions specified within the documentation:

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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Total value (estimated)

- £210,000 excluding VAT
- £252,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 November 2025 to 25 September 2026
- 10 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 September 2025

Engagement process description

As specified

Contracting authority

Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVGN-9767-BLPT

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