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Pipeline

Preliminary Market Engagement- Lower Thames Crossing- Strategic Sale Advisor

Department for Transport

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Scope

Description

The Lower Thames Crossing is a proposed new 14.3-mile road and tunnel which will pass under the river Thames connecting Kent and Essex, the scheme includes two 2.6-mile tunnels under the Thames, with roads required on either side to link it into the existing network.

HMG have been examining private finance options for the main works. The leading option is now a Regulated Asset Base model, in which a new economically regulated company (LTC Co) will undertake the main construction works, as well as maintain and operate both Lower Thames Crossing and Dartford Crossings.

The Department for Transport intends to contract with an organisation to act as a Strategic Sale Advisor, responsible for leading and executing the Lower Thames Crossing Co sale. Key responsibilities for the Strategic Sale Advisor will include: Capital Markets Advisory, Market Engagement & Investor Outreach, Credit Rating Process, Equity Sale Execution & Transaction Finalisation.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 1 January 2028
- Possible extension to 1 January 2029
- 3 years, 1 day

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66120000 - Investment banking services and related services
- 66122000 - Corporate finance and venture capital services

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Department for Transport

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