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Tender

## **978799118 T1398 Categorising platform/train stepping arrangements to assess and prioritise actions towards independent boarding**

Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB)

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The aim of T1398 is to generate and apply the methodology needed to prioritise and make the case for interventions to make boarding and alighting more accessible.

To achieve this, the project will:

- Define a range of Boarding Categories based on PTI geometry data and human factors. The thresholds between these categories should be driven by the proportion of passenger persona groups who can board independently and safely.
- Assign platform/train pairings across the network to the Boarding Categories, determining the most appropriate way to capture each pairing given multiple points along the length of platform and multiple doors on trains. This will deliver an understanding of the distribution of actual platform/train stepping arrangements across the categories. This insight must be presented in a way that enables industry to prioritise action and consider solutions for improving stepping arrangements.
- Develop a benefit-assessment methodology to assess the value (financial, economic,

and societal) resulting from removing the less accessible arrangements from the GB network or partially improving them (e.g. allowing for one carriage of a train to have level access).

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### **Total value (estimated)**

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 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

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

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

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## Submission

### Enquiry deadline

15 October 2025, 12:00pm

### Tender submission deadline

30 October 2025, 12:00pm

### Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

### Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

10 November 2025

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
W2 Tenderer's understanding and methodology	Quality	35%
W3 Tenderer's experience and individual expertise	Quality	25%
W4 Project management: Planning and engagement	Quality	15%
W6 Cost of project	Cost	15%
W5 Project management: Risks and opportunities	Quality	10%

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**Other information****Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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**Procedure**

## Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVGN-9767-BLPT

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)