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Tender

978798928 T1399 Interventions for improving platform/train stepping arrangements

Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB)

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Scope

Description

The aim of T1399 is to establish the evidence base and practical framework required to plan interventions that improve boarding accessibility at the PTI.

To achieve this, the project will:

- **Identify and review interventions:** Produce a comprehensive review of national and international interventions to improve boarding (infrastructure-borne, train-borne, hybrid, direct, and indirect). For each intervention the following will need to be considered: feasibility and suitability, technical and operational constraints, expected impact on boarding, and indicative costs. The review will recognise and capture in meaningful ways that these may vary by location and fleet characteristics.
- **Develop a framework to organise and evaluate interventions:** To support decisions, interventions will be categorised and assessed within the context of real-world 'improvement windows' associated with planned capital investment (such as fleet overhauls, new train procurements, station upgrades, platform rebuilds/extensions, and track renewals). This framework will support decision-makers in identifying interventions available to them and comparing their impact. To be helpful, such a framework needs to

reflect differing local infrastructure conditions and rolling stock configurations.

- Develop and assess possible plans of action toward independent boarding: For agreed scenarios representing different levels of investment and timescales, the research will assess how different types of interventions could be combined and sequenced to deliver the greatest accessibility improvements. The analysis will remain at a strategic level, using representative examples and benchmark cost data rather than site-specific designs or surveys, and will balance accessibility goals with financial and practical constraints.

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Total value (estimated)

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 December 2025 to 22 September 2026
- 9 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 November 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

19 November 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)

8 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
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%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB)

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