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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement - DfT Supplier Event - Research Procurements

Department for Transport

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Scope

Reference

UK2-DFT-RESEARCH

Description

Department for Transport Preliminary Market Engagement.

The Department for Transport (DfT) would like to invite suppliers to a virtual engagement event on Wednesday, 5 November 2025, from 10:30 to 12:00 GMT.

The purpose of this event is to:

- Inform the market about DfT's upcoming research and evaluation activities.

- Raise awareness of our planned programmes of work.
- Share our approach to the procurement of research and evaluation services to the broader market

The session will include:

- A presentation of the high-level themes of our programmes of work.
- How research and evaluation activities support these programmes.
- An overview of our procurement approach and potential routes to market.

Programmes of work currently under consideration include:

- Evaluation Support call-off contract = £2.5m, 3- year contract
- TEST (Transport Evaluation Support for Trials) = £2.5m 2-year contract
- Primary call-off contract - £2.5m, 4-year contract
- Evidence review & Secondary Data Analysis contract = £1.5m 3-to-4-year contract
- Human Factors & Ergonomics call-off = £3m, 3-year contract
- Integrated Transport Digital Twins evaluation = £3m 4-year contract

The potential routes to markets include:

- CCS Research and Insights (RM6126), whereby only registered suppliers are eligible.
- Open competitive procurement (above threshold for services)

Event Format: Virtual (online via MS Teams)

Registration Process:

- Suppliers interested in attending this virtual event should register via Microsoft Virtual Events (Teams) by copying and pasting the below link in their browser:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/709bf152-ee21-4e7f-9a3a-1e09de5fad12@28b782fb-41e1-48ea-bfc3-ad7558ce7136>

Additional Information:

- Attendance at this event does not form part of any formal procurement process and will not confer any advantage in any subsequent tender.
- Programmes of work - budgets and durations are tentative and subject to change.

Total value (estimated)

- £1 excluding VAT
- £1 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 December 2025 to 21 April 2029
- 3 years, 4 months, 17 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 November 2025

Engagement process description

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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 December 2025

Contracting authority

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