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Award

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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Contract 1

Supplier

- Ove Arup and Partners Ltd

Contract value

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

13 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

13 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 24 November 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 1 October 2026
- 10 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

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)