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Tender

996479591 T1404 Investigating and proposing improvements for rolling stock heat insulation provision

RSSB

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Scope

Reference

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Description

RSSB is commissioning research to review current heat-insulation practices in GB passenger rolling stock, benchmark them internationally, and identify practical opportunities for improvement across both new-build and retrofit vehicles. The project will assess suitable insulation materials and technologies (including thermal performance, fire safety, durability, and end-of-life considerations), evaluate how vehicle design and operation influence heat loss, and quantify the benefits of potential improvements in terms of energy use, carbon reduction, operating costs, and passenger comfort. The outcome will be clear, evidence-based recommendations to support industry decision-makers in adopting cost-effective, technically robust, and sustainable insulation solutions.

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Total value (estimated)

- £80,000 excluding VAT
- £96,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 February 2026 to 15 August 2026
- 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

2 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
W2 Tenderer's understanding and methodology	Quality	30%
W3 Tenderer's experience and individual expertise	Quality	25%
W6 Cost of project	Price	20%
W4 Project management: Planning and engagement	Quality	15%
W5 Project management: Risks and opportunities	Price	10%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

RSSB

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVGN-9767-BLPT

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