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**HS1 Ltd - St Pancras Enhancement Project (STEP)**

**– RIBA2 Design and Operational Concept Feasibility Study**

***HS1 Reference: HS1/ENG/2024/198***

**PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE (PIN)**

**Background Context**

HS1 Ltd has the 30-year concession to own, operate and maintain High Speed 1 (HS1), the UK’s only high-speed railway, as well as the stations along the route: St Pancras International, Stratford International, Ebbsfleet International and Ashford International.

International rail services are currently provided by Eurostar who have expressed an aspiration to grow their passenger volumes from 19m today to 30m by 2030 across their network. To support these growth aspirations, HS1 has commissioned an initial feasibility study to explore a) the likely future passenger numbers that will need to be accommodated in the international part of St Pancras station and b) the required spatial and operational changes that will be necessary to unlock the required capacity.

This initial work has identified that expansion is feasible. HS1 is now ready to progress to design and operational concept feasibility stage (RIBA2) to design, deliver and operationalise a reconfigured ground floor operation of the International Zone delivering a significant uplift in passenger capacity that meets forecast requirements until at least 2035 and potentially 2040;

**Project Requirement**

The end output of Project can be described as:

* An International Zone operation capable of handling and processing up to 5,000 passengers in a rolling 60-minute period and;
* An International Zone that has the appropriate facilities and operating model to accommodate at least one new international operator.

In providing a RIBA2 design and operational concept that will achieve this output bidders are asked to focus on:

* The spatial, architectural and other design elements including:
  + Overall capacity provision;
  + Improved passenger flows;
  + Access and egress;
  + Historic Building impact;
  + Fire and evacuation safety;
  + Station security design standards (SIDOS);
  + Maintenance;
  + Location, size and potential rationalisation of station facilities (Toilets, Operator facilities)

**Indicative Timeline**

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| PQQ / ITT | **Milestone** | **Date** |
| PIN | 17/12/2024 |
| Call for Competition | 23/01/2025 |
| Bidder prepares response to PQQ – 20 days | 12/2/2025 by 1200hrs |
| PQQ Evaluation – 5.5 days | 12/2/2025 - 19/2/2025 |
| ITT issued to pre-qualifying bidders | 20/2/2025 |
| Bidder prepares response to ITT – 20 days | 20/2/2025 - 20/3/2025  (by 1200hrs) |
| HS1 respond to any ITT Clarifications | 20/2/2025 - 3/3/2025 |
| ITT Evaluation – 12.5 days | 20/3/2025 - 5/4/2025 |
| Interviews | w/c 8th April 2025 |
| Intention to award | w/c 15th April 2025 |
| Standstill period 10 calendar days | +10 days after award |
| Contract executed (indicative) | April 2025 |
| New contract commences (indicative) | May 2025 |

Tender documents will be available via the HS1 Procurement Portal as stated in the Procurement timetable above.  To participate in this tender, please ensure you register for an account via the following link [Supplier registration](https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyRegistration/RegisterCompany?OID=1&B=UK)