**RSSB2734 - T1155 PERFORM Reviewing the risks and benefits of detonator usage**

Tender Questions & Answer Document

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| **Supplier Question 1**Concerning the bid submission format, does RSSB require bids to be submitted via the ‘Delta’ e-sourcing portal as for recent tenders such as decarbonising rail, or should the bid documents be submitted by e-mail? |
| **RSSB Answer 1**Tenderers should submit their bids to the following email address:Shareditt@rssb.co.uk |
| **Supplier Question 2**Concerning data required to evaluate incident records pertinent to the use of detonators, please can you confirm that the successful bidder will be granted access to the SMIS database (as used in the previous detonator study) for the duration of the project? |
| **RSSB Answer 2**RSSB will export relevant SMIS data to be used for T1155.  The SMIS data to be provided can be discussed and agreed at the kick off meeting. |
| **Supplier Question 3**Concerning the Scope table at section 5, page 26 of the ITT document, please confirm whether or not ETCS level 2 is to be considered a “technology not currently available” for the purposes of alternate solutions to be explored (i.e. in or out of scope). Although an existing technology, we note that ETCS coverage over the majority of the network lies beyond the end of CP8. |
| **RSSB Answer 3**T1155 should prioritise current options available to remove / replace detonators.  ETCS should be considered as an option in T1155.  The time for implementation of alternatives should be considered as a factor in the process.  Options for replacing detonators should not conflict with current and planned future technologies.  |
| **Supplier Question 4**Given that some longer standing quantitative risk analyses are relevant to existing rail operations, would you consider broadening the time limit for question S1 to the last 10 years. |
| **RSSB Answer 4**No. Suppliers are asked to provide more recent projects they have delivered in this area to demonstrate that they are actively working in this field. |