Dear potential suppliers,

Please find below a list of clarification questions and answers which have been received to date relating to:

RSSB1931: Development of a 26m vehicle standard gauge

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| Reference # | Question | Answer |
| 1 | Will updated information and data relating to IEP from NR be made available for this project? | We will only know later on once the project commences but the intention is to share the information for this project. |
| 2 | What support would be required from suppliers at stage 1? | Supplier would be involved in meetings attendance and confirming that data is appropriate. Intention is that the supplier will be involved from the start |
| 3 | Why is score on evaluation matrix for price (criterion weighting) 20 not 30? | This is an error and has been updated. Both boxes should be 30 |
| 4 | Will proposals be made public? | No. RSSB are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act |
| 5 | Will information from the National Gauging database be made available for this project? | Yes, if we can get this. Dataset to be used will be that as agreed at the start of the project |
| 6 | Are there any projects that Network Rail or RSSB are aware of that will affect the constraints/size etc. of the gauge? | We are not aware of any but if there are, they would only affect very few places. As part of stage 1 we should have the information available re IEP data |
| 7 | One of aims is to maximise the size of the gauge…. Is this something that would be considered as part of the remit? | Could be considered to add value, appealing etc but wouldn’t be part of actual work. We would welcome suggestions and comments |
| 8 | Lots of detail around formatting for reports etc. | Look at some examples of other reports on Spark which will provide good template. There is also guidance provided on the RSSB web-site. |

General comments from RSSB:

Ongoing work around PTI risks - this is something that suppliers may want to take in to consideration. T1037 will be published soon

In some previous projects, footstep arrangements have been very challenging

Not looking for lots of information around project plan deliverable - just a few pages

Looking for suppliers to add value through their involvement which is reflected in evaluation criteria