

Smart Streets Competition



Competition Frequently asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Will the competition be run as one activity or multiple calls?

A: We're going to run the competition in two tranches.

Q: What is the timing of the two competition tranches?

A: The first, as announced at the launch event on the 25th has a closing date of the end of August. The second which we will open for applications in the 3rd week in October will close approximately a month after that point.

Q: For successful competition entrants when should work be completed?

A: We are indicating that projects should be completed within 3 months from the each competition close date.

Q: Can you provide an overview timeline for the competition process?

A: A rough guideline on the process will be:

- Call opens
- Applications received (Applications should be scaled as £1,000, £2,000, £5,000, £10,000 or £20,000 pieces of work)
- Informal feedback provided
- Final applications docs received
- Call closes
- A competition review board looks over all applications

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- Applications are shortlisted with the option for the board to request clarification(s)
- The competition review board finalises the list of successful applicants
- Successful applicants are notified with any specifics regarding the competition offer discussed
- A short contract is drawn up to detail the IP arrangements
- Project delivery commences with input and review from the SmartStreets project team
- There will be month end project reviews and an agreed payment made at the end of each month based on delivery of agreed milestones.
- Payment schedules will be agreed at the contractual stage but are likely to be made as part payments of 15%, 25% and then 60% of the total project award.
- Projects must complete/close within 3 months from the close date of the particular call (1 or 2) that they entered.

Judging Criteria:

Innovation	- What are the innovative aspects of your proposal?
Technical Ability	- What technical capabilities can you bring to your project?
Effort and Timelines	- What effort is required and what your critical timescales?
Market Opportunity	- What is the commercial opportunity/broader value for the proposal?
Stakeholders	- Who are the proposal stakeholders of your proposal?
Risks	- What risks have been identified and how will you mitigate them?

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Some additional notes:

1. We are still confirming the position of VAT in the competitions with the funders (TSB)
2. Multiple applications from one applicant are possible but they must be demonstrably different and also only one award can ultimately be given to the applicant
3. Joint bids can be made but must be done via a lead partner with all 'partner' arrangements then being the responsibility of the company acting as lead partner.
4. Applicants must fall within the SME definition used by government
5. Direct employees of any of the Smart Streets Project Partners are not eligible to apply in to this competition.

From 15:00 to 17:00 there is an opportunity for you to spend time with the project team who can help scope and write competition entries. Please let us know if you think that you'd like to take advantage of this slot so that we can balance demand.

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