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**A96 DUALLING: EAST OF HUNTLY TO ABERDEEN (EASTERN SECTION)  
COMPETITION FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT**

Please find attached submission outlining our intention to appoint a multi-disciplinary Consultant to take forward the development and route options assessment of the A96 Dualling between East of Huntly and Aberdeen (Eastern Section) following a competitive Tender Competition. We intend to issue mandatory standstill ("Alcatel") letters during week commencing 26 June 2017.

Regards

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Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

**A96 DUALLING: EAST OF HUNTLY TO ABERDEEN (EASTERN SECTION)  
COMPETITION FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT**

**Purpose**

1. To inform you of our intention to appoint a multi-disciplinary Consultant to progress the development and route options assessment of the A96 Dualling between East of Huntly to Aberdeen (i.e. Eastern Section).

**Priority**

2. Routine. We intend to issue mandatory standstill (“Alcatel”) letters during week commencing 26 June 2017.

**Background**

3. Ministers’ announced their plans to upgrade the A9 between Perth and Inverness to full dual carriageway by 2025 and the A96 between Inverness and Aberdeen by 2030 during the launch of the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) in December 2011. The programme to upgrade the A96 to dual carriageway standard must deliver approximately 88 miles of improvements in the next 13 years. The programme will comprise a number of projects phased to suit the available funding.

4. The outcome of the preliminary engineering and strategic environmental assessment work we have completed was presented to the public at a series of exhibitions held between 11-21 May 2015.

5. Based on the preliminary work (DMRB Stage 1 assessment), a grouping of schemes has been considered for design and assessment purposes and in April 2015 Ministers approved the proposal to progress the next stage of design (i.e. route option assessment) as three geographically aligned sections in addition to the Inverness to Nairn (including Nairn Bypass) section which is at a more advanced stage of development. The three sections are based on a Western (~46 km), Central (~31 km) and Eastern (~42 km) section. Route option assessment work on the Western Section between Hardmuir and Fochabers commenced last summer with the Eastern Section due to commence this summer following the procurement of design consultant.

6. In December 2016 Ministers approved the commencement of procurement arrangements to be put in place to secure consultancy services to take forward the Eastern Section (East of Huntly to Aberdeen) with a view to appointing a consultant to take forward the Eastern Section in 2017.

**Consultancy Procurement Arrangements**

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7. The Contract Notice advertising the procurement of the Contract for the Eastern Section was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and the Public Contracts Scotland portal on 20 January 2017.

8. Four ESPD (prequalification) submissions were received and following evaluation all four Economic Operators were invited on 19 April 2017 to submit a Tender for the Contract. All four Economic Operators submitted their respective Tender Submissions prior to the closing date of 12 Noon 23 May 2017.

9. Following the evaluation process of the returned quality and financial submissions the most economically advantageous tender was concluded to have been submitted by Amey Arup Joint Venture as they achieved the highest Aggregated Quality and Price Score.

10. The competition was competitive with the comparative cost of the winning tender being £33,395,315.00, below the lower end of the anticipated pre-tender range of £40-£50M.

**Communications**

11. A press release is currently being prepared by Transport Scotland comms colleagues to coincide with the pre-award Alcatel letters being issued. The press release will be submitted for clearance nearer the time.

**Conclusion**

12. **The Cabinet Secretary is invited to note the intention to award the Multi-Disciplinary Support Services Contract for the A96 Dualling Eastern Section to Amey Arup Joint Venture with standstill letters due to be issued week commencing 26 June 2017.**

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