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**THIS IS NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION**

**Expression of Interest**

Rochdale Development Agency require a third party to complete a Strategic Outline Business Case and costed options for motorway junction improvements to provide enhanced access to both existing and planned regeneration schemes.

The motorway junction improvements are critical for economic development in Greater Manchester, and as yet do not appear on the Highways England RIS programme. To confirm this is a local authority led scheme.  A Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) that conforms to the DfT Transport Business Case guidance is required that ultimately demonstrates:

* + - Economic justification for the improvements
    - An established partnership / collaboration in place
    - Junction improvement options / costs

The Expression of Interest should provide detail on what should be included in the scope for the above, plus provide an indication of cost.

Following submission of written Expression of Interest proposals by 12:00pm on Friday 8th October 2021 prospective suppliers may be invited to a presentation by Rochdale Development Agency in mid-October.