

Dear Sir / Madam,

The traffic management departments of the English and Dutch government (Highways Agency and Rijkswaterstaat) have teamed up to implement a new generation of Traffic Management Centre systems (TMC systems). One of the aims of the programme is to explore generic ICT solutions that may be applicable to TMC systems. To be sure all of the available solutions are taken into consideration we specifically also invite generic or specialised ICT-companies that are not currently doing business in the area of Traffic Management to take part in the market consultation that is being undertaken.

We have published [a PIN](#) regarding the programme on Tenders Electronic Daily on 9/3/2012. This market consultation document is published in order to widen our reach amongst potential suppliers.

Further information may also be obtained at the designated [e-mail](#) address in the PIN and from the internet site: <http://rijkswaterstaat.nl/CHARM/> We would like to ask your special attention for the questionnaire that is published on this website.

Kind regards,

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The following text is part of the market consultation document that has been published on the 29th of March 2012.

*The Highways Agency (HA) and Rijkswaterstaat (RWS) respectively, are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the English and Netherlands motorway and trunk road networks. Road traffic is monitored and communicated to using roadside technology that is governed by control rooms in traffic management centres. Both organisations have the requirement to update/refresh the control room technology. They have joined up in order to develop requirements for a new generation of traffic management (centre) systems that may be jointly procured. This work is being completed under the CHARM programme and will be completed by the end of December 2012.*

*The CHARM programme has identified that the functionality of HA and RWS control rooms to a large extent are the same. They have therefore agreed for the CHARM programme to explore the joint procurement of a replacement for their existing control room systems.*