# Hosting Proforma

Department for Infrastructure

Name of Host

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**1. Interchange Manager’s details**

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Type of Opportunity

Interchange – **Business Product Owner (Planning Professional)** for NI Regional Planning IT System (At SPTO Grade) – 2 posts available

**2. Details of hosting opportunity**

Description of opportunity

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| Planning functions in NI are delivered by the eleven local councils and the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), collectively referred to as the Planning Authorities. The delivery of planning functions across the Planning Authorities is supported by the current IT system, the Northern Ireland Planning Portal (NIPP).  The NIPP is reaching the end of its operational life and the Planning Authorities have been working together to provide a new Planning IT System. This is considered to be a high profile project of strategic importance to both central and local government.  A joint Project Team (Council and Departmental staff) was established earlier this year to develop the specification for the new system and to procure a new Regional Planning IT System. This procurement commenced in August 2019 and we expect to award a contract in May 2020.  The next phase of the project involves working with the successful IT Supplier to configure, test and implement the IT system. The Project Board agreed to revise the Project Team to be better placed to engage with the IT Supplier. This team structure is attached.  There is an opportunity within the Project Team for a Product Owner – this will be at the SPTO grade. |

Main objectives of the opportunity

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| As one of three Product Owners (One Administration and two Planning Professional) in the team, the post holder will be required to:   * Support the Business Lead on the successful implementation of the new Planning IT System. * Engage with the other team leads across the Project Team. * Engage with each Planning Authority to identify the relevant Subject Matter Experts for the products below. * Work as part of the team (three Product Owners, Subject Matter Experts and Business Analysts) to configure the various products of the new Regional Planning IT System. These products include (but are not limited to):   + User roles; on-line services; workflow; development control module; consultee module; appeals module; enforcement module; appeals module; and tree preservation module. * Work with the Supplier in an Agile working environment to develop and configure the Regional Planning IT System. This includes:   + Participating in workshops and/or Sprint reviews with the Supplier   + Detail the product features based on the specification.   + Review the proposals by the Supplier and agree / amend as necessary   + Confirm the proposals by the Supplier or escalate to Business Lead or Design Group, as appropriate. * Participate in weekly Design Group meetings, as necessary. * The post-holder may be required to perform additional or different duties from those listed above to address business needs and changing business practices and assume other duties as may be allocated in relation to the needs of the project. |

**3. Skills requirements**

What qualities, skills and experience is required from the individual

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| * 1. The Applicant must be an existing SPTO (or equivalent grade) or HPTO (or equivalent grade) who will be temporarily promoted to SPTO (or equivalent grade) upon appointment.   **QUALIFICATIONS**   * 1. Applicants must have a third-level qualification, or above in Planning or a related subject such as Architecture or Conservation, and   2. Applicant must be a have current, full chartered membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Irish Planning Institute or an equivalent professional planning body, such as RIBA, RUSA etc.   **ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE**   * 1. Applicants must have at least four **years’** experience of working for a Planning Authority in Northern Ireland.   Where applicants do not hold the qualifications as outlined above, they must demonstrate a minimum of **six years’** experience  3.5 Applicants must have at least three **years**’ experience of managing the planning application process or the enforcement of planning controls.   * 1. Applicants must have a current working knowledge of the NIPP.   **DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE**   * 1. Experience of working on the implementation of an IT project.   2. Experience of successfully building and maintaining effective relationships with a range of stakeholders and networks to achieve a common goal.   3. Experience of effectively working with Consultants, Suppliers or Contractors.   4. Experience of planning and organising workloads to meet competing and challenging priorities |

**4. Personnel: Please state below**

Who will the individual report to?

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| Business Lead |

Who will be the individual’s line manager and/or reporting officer?

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| Business Lead |

**5. Transfer of learning**

Please give details of how the Opportunity will benefit your organisation, the

individual and their organisation.

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| This is a unique opportunity for the appropriate candidate to work on a high profile project to deliver the new NI Regional Planning IT System. They will have an opportunity to configure the look, feel and functionality of this new IT System that will be used by their colleagues and public for potentially the next 20 years.  This will enable individuals to develop their project management and communication skills as they work as part of a project team involving local and central government staff, the IT Supplier, and a wide range of stakeholders and Consultants. They will also develop their analytical and decision making skills as they configure the IT system that meets the specification requirements and the proposals from the Supplier.  The individual’s skills will assist the organisation when they return to their permanent post. They will also transfer knowledge and experience of the new IT System to their colleagues. |

**6. Logistics**

Please provide details of the likely start date, duration, location, form of transport required, resources (i.e.; desk, PC, etc.) and funding arrangements for the opportunity.

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| **Start Date**: As soon as possible after the successful candidates are identified but no later than April 2020.  **Duration**: Two years subject to review.  **Location**: The post holder will be primarily based in Clarence Court, Adelaide Street, Belfast. However, consideration will be given to staff working up to one day a week at another location.  **Resources**: Not directly  **Funding**: DfI will meet all salary costs and associated expenses. The salary range is: £37,272 - £40,979.  **Security clearance:** The candidate will be expected to have, or obtain, baseline security clearance.  **Further information**: Peter Rice by email at: [peter.rice@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:peter.rice@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)  **Closing Date:** Applications must be submitted by 5.00pm on Friday 28th February 2020 to**:**  **For staff from Partner organisations:** [**interchangesecretariat@finance-ni.gov.uk**](mailto:interchangesecretariat@finance-ni.gov.uk) |

**7. Endorsement**

**Interchange Manager**

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| **Peter Rice** |

**Signed:**

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| **03/02/2020** |

**Date:**