**REQUEST FOR TENDERS FOR BRC CLIMATE ACTION ROADMAP: NET ZERO VEHICLE RECOMMENDATIONS RESEARCH**

BRC and DP World are commissioning research to identify the barriers and solutions to the retail industry becoming net zero for vehicle logistics:

* Identify the current challenges facing retailers utilizing existing low carbon vehicles, both own fleets and third party providers
* Identify the gaps to meeting net zero for vehicle logistics by 2035
* Provide recommendations for addressing current challenges and the gap to net zero

If this is of interest to you, we request proposals by 16 March on how you propose we take this forward, taking account of the below points, and the benefits of working with your organisation.

Please send proposals to peter.andrews@brc.org.uk.

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| deliverable | A short report for BRC setting out the immediate and medium-term (next 10 years) barriers and possible solutions to the retail industry decarbonising the vehicle logistics it relies upon and becoming net zero for this by 2035. The output is intended to prompt discussion and guide decision making for the following target audience:* Retailers
* Central & Local Government (policy decision making)
* Logistics providers
* Vehicle manufacturers
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| Background | The UK retail industry was one of the first sectors globally to publish a roadmap to Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions ahead of 2050. The Roadmap identifies the [logistics](https://brc.org.uk/climate-roadmap/section-6-pathway-moving-to-low-carbon-logistics/63-for-the-retail-industry/) retailers rely on as one of the key challenges to reach net zero, and has set a target of net zero logistics by 2035.  |
| SCOPE | * Addressing Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) and Light Goods Vehicles (LGVs)
* What are retailers looking at? How are the retailers dealing with the heavy options etc The various fuel options
* Infrastructure
* Own fleet and 3rd party
* Movement from Supplier to Warehouse [to Store] to Customer
* Cost to implement/ cost to serve / scalability
* Usability i.e. charging time/ time before runs out of battery/ refuelling required
* Lifecycle analysis of each option
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| timetable | 9 March: Companies invited to tender16 March: Deadline for written tender submissions19 March: Companies shortlisted and invited to interview22 March: Interviews24 March: Company appointed29 March: Project commences 19 April: Draft report circulated for input23 April: Final report circulated |
| Research/consultation | The appointed company will be required to consult /undertake research with external stakeholders, including BRC retail members of the BRC Logistics Working Group [comprised of approx. 40] individuals. It is important to build on the work already done in the Roadmap report on [logistics](https://brc.org.uk/climate-roadmap/section-6-pathway-moving-to-low-carbon-logistics/63-for-the-retail-industry/), and adds further value existing initiatives like the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (now renamed as Zemo [www.zemo.org.uk](http://www.zemo.org.uk))  and the Centre for Sustainable Road freight (<http://www.csrf.ac.uk/>) Please outline:* How you would undertake this research – whether through phone consultations or written surveys
* How many individuals you would aim to engage in the research
* Requirements with regards to BRC introductions/ sharing of contact data in line with GDPR
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| BUDGET | Please set out your proposed costings for this short, desk-based piece of research  |
| Constraints /assumptions  | Please set out what you believe are the constraints and/or assumptions that may impact the project |
| WORK PLAN | Please set out your planned approach to working, including:* Project planning and initiation
* Project management
* Reporting
* Means of engaging BRC and DP World as key stakeholders
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| Risk assessment | What risks do you foresee in this project and how could they be resolved/addressed |
| Experience of LOW CARBON LOGISTICS | Please set out your experience of low carbon logistics research, as well as your knowledge of the retail/consumer goods industry |
| CONTACT | Please advise who will be the key point of contact at your organisation for this project |