

# THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

Strategic Advisor

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## **Overall Responsibility**

To support Departments in the development and delivery of strategic infrastructure projects through the provision of expert procurement advice.

## **Main Duties & Responsibilities**

- to provide expert advice to Departments during the conception, planning, contract negotiation and delivery stages of major infrastructure programmes and projects;
- to “sign off” projects as fit for purpose on behalf of SIB at appropriate stages of project delivery (e.g., OBC, FBC);
- to work with Departments and private sector bid teams to ensure competitive interest in investment projects in Northern Ireland;
- to share knowledge and experience with other strategic advisers on complex project and related issues;
- to promote reform in infrastructure delivery processes;
- to assist with the delivery of SIB’s corporate objectives; and
- to manage and develop direct reporting staff.

## ***Person Specification***

### **Essential Criteria**

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they possess: -

- experience of managing the delivery of substantial infrastructure projects and/or improvements in strategic service delivery;
- experience of personally negotiating and managing significant financial budgets/ transactions;
- direct and personal experience of working with the public or private sectors on the delivery of projects involving multiple stakeholders;
- the ability to prioritise, plan, manage and complete a heavy workload; and
- excellent commercial, negotiation and financial skills.

### **Desirable Criteria**

It would be advantageous for applicants to demonstrate that they possess:

- a sound understanding of Private Public Partnerships;
- the ability to lead the procurement process from inception to financial close;
- an understanding of public sector Value For Money (VFM) assessments; and

- an understanding of the theory and practice of risk apportionment in infrastructure contracts.