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**Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in open competition "Technical study and design proposals for
Rail Baltica Infrastructure Maintenance Facilities",
identification number RBR 2018/25**

RB Rail AS presents following answers to the questions received until 30 October 2018 from the interested suppliers:

No	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>Chapter 16.1.</p> <p>Due to complex requirements for the key-experts and review of requirements for all three Baltic countries, we kindly ask you to extend the deadline until 30 November 2018.</p>	<p>The Procurement commission has evaluated the request for an extension of the deadline for the submission of proposals and on October 26, 2018 has made a decision to extend the proposal submission deadline. Please pay attention that new proposal submission deadline is November 20, 2018 till 10:00.</p>
2.	<p>Chapter 8.5.3.</p> <p>Please confirm if there is a requirement for international key-experts to obtain country specific professional certification or to prove that such expert has submitted an application to obtain local certification before the project contract is awarded.</p>	<p>Procurement commission indicates that there is no requirement for any of the key-experts to obtain country specific professional certification or to prove that expert has submitted an application to obtain local certification before the project contract is awarded.</p> <p>Civil Engineer in 1435 mm railway track design and Civil Engineer in buildings and structures design are required to submit certificates that state experts' rights to provide the relevant services according to the legislation of the country where experts practices. In case when national legislation of the country where expert practices does not require certification, experts have to note on which legislative bases expert is eligible to provide services.</p>

3.	<p>Chapter 3.3.1.3.</p> <p>Since the exact final alignment of the railway line won't be available during the implementation of this assignment, please clarify on which basis the consultant shall present the IMF layouts aligned with the main railway line on topographic and orthophoto base.</p>	<p>Procurement commission indicates that Contracting authority will provide to the Contractor most recent horizontal alignment of Rail Baltica railway line after commencement of the Contract during the inception and interim phase (12 weeks after the commencement date) of the Study, based on documents, studies and information to be taken into account "List of input data provided by the Contracting authority" (see Clause 1.2 of Technical specification).</p> <p>The Contractor shall use the outputs from Operational plan, which are conceptual ones, and, according to the Technical specification of the Study, elaborate them in detail for each railway infrastructure maintenance facility location, based on justified strategy and benchmarking for every railway infrastructure component.</p>
4.	<p>Chapter 3.3.4.</p> <p>Please inform us according to which standards / requirements the Environmental and spatial constraints analysis should be carried out. Please confirm that a full EIA according to local legislation of each country is not foreseen within the scope of work.</p>	<p>Procurement commission indicates that "WP 2.1 – Environmental and spatial constraints analysis" shall be completed in accordance with best industry practice, considering relevant EU law and policy targets / principles. It shall be sufficient to understand likely impacts.</p> <p>The Contractor shall provide all necessary information/ input data for initiating EIA and/ or SEA procedures in accordance with Estonian and/ or Latvian and/ or Lithuanian legislation where relevant and to the extent defined in the scope of works of this particular Study. Full EIA and/ or SEA is not required by Technical specification.</p>
5.	<p>Chapter 3.3.6.</p> <p>Please confirm that the consultant's task is only the provision of relevant information for updating CBA, EIA and /or SEA, spatial planning or land acquisition or design phase and also that no additional documents need to be developed under this task and that only the provision of already developed (by the consultant) documents to the respective stakeholders shall be part of this task. Otherwise please detail the specific task / expectation under this sub-clause.</p> <p>We want to avoid the risk that additional documents and inputs need to be developed by the consultant due to unforeseen expectations of stakeholders that are not familiar with the specific scope of work for this assignment.</p>	<p>Procurement commission indicates that CBA, EIA and/or SEA, spatial planning or land acquisition or design phase are out of scope of the Study. Input data for land acquisition, spatial planning, CBA update (lifecycle costs, etc.) and initiation of EIA and/ or SEA procedures shall be provided by the Contractor. This input data is needed for Rail Baltica Global project subsequent and/ or parallel studies.</p> <p>The alignment of data formats and needs will be done after commencement of the Contract during the inception and interim phase (12 weeks after the commencement date) of the Study.</p>

6.	In order to be able to offer you a competitive proposal with high quality standards for the procurement RBR 2018/25 Technical study and design proposals for Rail Baltica Infrastructure Maintenance Facilities I would kindly ask you for an extension of 10 working days.	The Procurement commission has evaluated the request for an extension of the deadline for the submission of proposals and on October 26, 2018 has made a decision to extend the proposal submission deadline. Please pay attention that new proposal submission deadline is November 20, 2018 till 10:00.
7.	Due to difficulties in the administrative preparation for the proposal we would like to ask for an extension of the proposal delivery deadline by two to three weeks.	The Procurement commission has evaluated the request for an extension of the deadline for the submission of proposals and on October 26, 2018 has made a decision to extend the proposal submission deadline. Please pay attention that new proposal submission deadline is November 20, 2018 till 10:00.

Procurement commission chairperson



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