

To according to the list

Rīga, 18 August 2017

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Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in competitive procedure with negotiation
„Preparation of Business plan”, id. No RBR 2017/9

RB Rail AS presents the following answer to the question received until 18 August, 2017 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	It is understanding of the Consultant that submission of ESPD document is not requested at this second stage, as Tenderer confirmed for himself and his sub-consultants during the pre-qualification phase non-existence of exclusion grounds and supported them with corresponding documents. However, according to the paragraph 4.7.1 of the Tender documents of second stage, some of documents indicated in paragraph 4.4 can be replaced by ESPD. Since paragraph 4.4 refers to content of the technical proposal, can you please clarify if ESPD should be filled in and submitted and if yes, which parts specifically?	<p>Submission of the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) is optional choice of Tenderer and it is not mandatory.</p> <p>According to the Section 11 of the Regulations, the compliance of the Tenderer <u>who should be awarded with the Contract</u>, with the conditions for exclusion, will be verified in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 42 of Public Procurement Law of the Republic of Latvia. There is no obligation to submit documents, unless specifically requested by the procurement commission.</p>
2.	Having in mind high holiday season in July/August, due to which availability of staff resources are limited, we kindly ask you for extension of submission deadline for the above mentioned tender for additional two weeks in order to ensure sufficient time for quality Offer preparation.	Procurement Commission considers that indicated submission deadline in the Regulations is sufficient for Tenderer to provide quality proposal and kindly informs that submission deadline will not be prolonged.
3.	In “Application for participation in the procurement” (Annex No.1), under section 3. Task it is mentioned that – Business plan shall include activities for the entire Global Project up until the anticipated Global Project outcome and activities of RBR or the activities of the Railway. Can you please elaborate explaining how the term “Railway” is defined, including, what components/functions of the infrastructure manager and railway	According to the Shareholders Agreement, “Railway” is new fast conventional double track electrified railway line with the maximum design speed of 240 km/h and European standard gauge (1435 mm) on the Route, thus the build infrastructure (the Infrastructure). The ambition and details of the Infrastructure are described in “Application for participation in the procurement” (Annex No.1), under section 1. Background.

	<p>undertakings shall be considered in each of the Baltic States?</p>	<p>Regarding components/functions of the infrastructure manager and railway undertakings, the Business plan shall cover the components/functions of the Infrastructure managers during 4th phase of the Global Project Operations. The railway undertakings shall be considered in the Business plan to the extent important for the Railway.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Under the section 4.1.2. "Long term Global Project development strategy" (Annex No.1) it is mentioned that strategy of RBR will contain key strategic goals. What are the defined strategic goals of the RBR and Global Project? Are there any known limitations that should be considered by the Tenderer regarding the extent to which the goals and strategic options should be defined while preparing the business plan?</p>	<p>Strategic goal of the Global Project is to reach Project Outcome, which means completion of the construction, testing and commissioning of the entire Railway, including the registration of the entire Railway in the relevant governmental registers as the ownership of the States, where the relevant infrastructure is located.</p> <p>Strategic goals of the RBR have to be defined and based the Agreements between RBR and INEA, Beneficiaries, Implementing bodies, Shareholders and its role as the central project coordinator, Beneficiary, Implementing body. Nevertheless, as Infrastructure manager is not yet chosen, strategic goals of the Global Project include defining strategic goals for Infrastructure manager, independent if RBR shall be or not be Infrastructure manager.</p>

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