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*Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
on restricted competition "Design and design supervision services for the construction of
the mainline section through Riga" ID. No RBR 2017/28*

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 12 February 2018 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	We are considering participating in the competition set out above. Some experts from our company are shortlisted to work with Rail Baltica in the fields of [...] <i>some expertise's</i> (edited by Procurement Commission). In spite of this, are we allowed to join a consortium to carry out this project.	Contracting authority is not in a position to foresee in advance the possible situations throughout the process of Rail Baltica Global Project implementation that could lead to any <i>conflict of interest</i> cases or to provide any response on the matter. All the cases and possible influence on the procurements at the later stage of the Global Project shall be evaluated according to procedures set out by national public procurement legislation.
2.	Point 5.1 of Regulation: Please confirm that new 1435 mm gauge rail system Infrastructure subsystem (according to Annex II of Directive 2008/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) is included in subject matter and other subsystems are not included in subject matter. Please confirm that existing 1520 mm gauge rail system Infrastructure, Energy, Control-command and signalling subsystems (according to Annex II of Directive 2008/57/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) are included in subject matter.	Clause 5.1 of the Regulations covers the general summarised description of the services being procured. More details about the scope of the services being procured is provided in Annex 2 of the Regulations.
3.	Point 7.4 of Regulation: Do value of contract (not less than 5 M EUR) means price without VAT or total price (including VAT). Please clarify.	The value of the contract in the clause 7.4. of Regulation means price without VAT, as respectively required in the Annex 3 "Experience of the Candidate" and to be filled by the candidate.
4.	Is it necessary to design reconstruction/construction of land	Please be informed that in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the

	melioration (drainage) networks and structures?	detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition.
5.	What level of details and accuracy shall be ensured in prepared design solutions for each Design stage?	Please be informed that in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition.
6.	Is it necessary to design platforms with all related infrastructure (access roads and paths, pedestrian tunnels/viaducts, elevators, roofing, etc.)?	Please be informed that in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition.
7.	Will RB Rail AS provide planned railway line alignment and other solutions in CAD format?	The available information shall be provided to extent necessary for the provision of services for "Design and design supervision services for the construction of the mainline section through Riga" and in the digital formats available to the Contracting authority.
8.	Do the reference projects must be completed/built?	The requirement of "completed designs" in of clause 7.4 of the Regulations refers to fully accepted design under the construction legislation.
9.	1.5 Source information Spatial planning designs, EIA reports, preliminary designs, Consolidated Preliminary Technical Design by RB Rail AS. What is "preliminary designs, Consolidated Preliminary Technical Design by RB Rail AS" and when RB Rail AS will provide it?	Please be informed that, in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured, as well as on the source information, shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition.
10.	2. Applicable construction law Latvian Who is / will be the builder?	The services to be procured under the restricted competition "Design and design supervision services for the construction of the mainline section through Riga" shall be implemented on behalf of The Ministry of Communications of the Republic of Latvia. Please refer to applicable "General Construction Regulations" (19.09.2014) of Republic of Latvia for definitions.
11.	3. Scope 3.1 General scope of the contract a) Master design, b) Value engineering studies (including recommendations of Consolidated preliminary technical design), c) Design solutions presentation and approval,	Please be informed that in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured, as well as on the source information, shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition. In accordance to the item 2 of the Annex No. 2 of the Regulations, the "Design and design supervision services for the

	<p>d) Spatial planning solutions development (if necessary),</p> <p>e) Public consultation,</p> <p>f) Detailed technical design,</p> <p>g) Design author's supervision.</p> <p>Please clarify what do a) "Master design" and b) "Detailed technical design" mean and specify what information, level of details and accuracy shall be ensured and provided in the drawings, text documents, bill of quantities, technical specifications (requirements for the materials, construction, and installation works).</p> <p>What does b) "Value engineering studies" mean and when it will be submitted by RB Rail AS?</p>	<p>construction of the mainline section through Riga" shall be implemented under the construction legislation of the Republic of Latvia.</p>
12.	<p>3.2 Key milestones of design process</p> <p>a) Preparation of building design in a minimum composition</p> <p>b) Application for Construction Permit according to national law and inquiring technical conditions</p> <p>c) Issuing Construction Permit to start design works</p> <p>d) Receipt of technical conditions from local institutions</p> <p>e) Site surveys (including topographical plans and geological investigations)</p> <p>f) Design proposals' preparation (Master Design), including alternative solutions and engineering studies and approval of the selected proposal.</p> <p>g) Approval of Building design</p> <p>h) Building design expertise (to be procured separately)</p> <p>i) Possible NoBo / Independent Safety Assessor inspection report (to be procured separately)</p> <p>j) Approval of building design (with the note on fulfilling the design conditions in the Construction Permit)</p> <p>Shall all mentioned services be provided within 24 months?</p> <p>Please confirm that remark "to be procured separately" means that RB Rail AS will buy it</p>	<p>Please be informed that in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured, as well as on the source information, shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition.</p> <p>In accordance to the item 2 of the Annex No. 2 of the Regulations, the "Design and design supervision services for the construction of the mainline section through Riga" shall be implemented under the construction legislation of the Republic of Latvia.</p> <p>Designer awarded to implement the services of "Design and design supervision services for the construction of the mainline section through Riga" shall not be responsible for the procurement, implementation and compensation for the design expertise and NoBo / Independent Safety Assessor inspection services. The Contracting authority shall bear this responsibility and ensure that these services are managed within the overall design process.</p>

	by itself and will pay for it, so candidate will not be responsible for the payment or compensation of such services.	
13.	<p>8. RB Rail internal regulations (studies) to consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Design guidelines; b) BIM guidelines; c) Operational plan; d) Infrastructure management study; e) Climate change impact assessment study; f) Visual, architectural and landscaping guidelines study; g) Mineral materials supply study; h) Related Studies carried out by National Implementing Bodies (freight terminals, maintenance depots, etc.); i) Other. <p>When will RB Rail AS submit these documents: a) Design guidelines, b) BIM guidelines, c) Operational plan, d) Infrastructure management study, e) Climate change impact assessment study, f) Visual, architectural and landscaping guidelines study, g) Mineral materials supply study, h) Related Studies carried out by National Implementing Bodies (freight terminals, maintenance depots, etc.), i) Other?</p> <p>Will RB Rail AS provide CAD/BIM standard and/or CAD/BIM manual with defined requirements for the templates, models and drawings and other files, layers (names, codes, colours, etc.), formats, etc.?</p>	<p>Please be informed that, in accordance to clause 1.5.2 of the Regulations, the detailed information on the scope of the services to be procured, as well as on the source information, shall be provided to the candidates qualified in the first stage of Competition.</p>

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