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## Electronic Procurement System

**Answers to questions from interested suppliers  
in the competitive procedure with negotiation  
“Engineering services for preparation, procurement  
and supervision of Rail Baltica Control-Command  
and Signalling subsystem deployment”,  
identification number RBR 2020/18**

RB Rail AS presents following answers to questions received from the interested supplier until 23 November 2020:

Nr.	Question	Answer
1.	<p>Extension of deadline</p> <p>We kindly request to extend the deadline for submission until December 10, 2020 as we are facing significant difficulties to collect all the required documents and references as we are highly impacted by the current pandemic situation. Please be aware that the requested references are quite detailed and proper consortia have to be set up.</p>	<p>The Procurement commission has evaluated the request for an extension of the deadline for the submission of applications and has made a decision to extend the application submission deadline. Please pay attention that <b>new application submission deadline is 14 December 2020 till 15:00 (Riga time)</b>. The specific Sections of the competitive procedure with negotiation “Engineering services for preparation, procurement and supervision of Rail Baltica Control-Command and Signalling subsystem deployment”, ID No RBR 2020/18, (hereinafter – Procurement) regulation (hereinafter – Regulation) have been amended accordingly.</p>
2.	<p>References</p> <p>Regarding the sub-clauses 5.1.4 and 14.1.2, the client wants to see that the candidate was involved in projects coordinated by the indicated organizations. We assume, a reference project is also valid, if the project was a pilot project to implement technical guidelines defined by those organizations, as the pilot project also reports to the organization itself and</p>	<p>In accordance with Section 5.1.4 and 14.1.2 of the Regulation the Candidate [...] must have been involved (for example, as part of working group, review panels, expert role, etc.) in [...] project/-s coordinated by the following organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ERTMS Users Group;</li> <li>b) Shift2Rail projects (X2Rail-2 or X2Rail-3 or X2Rail-4);</li> <li>c) EULYNX;</li> <li>d) SmartRail 4.0;</li> </ul>

	<p>applies the technical innovation. However, in this case the contracting authority is not one of the organizations. Please confirm our understanding.</p>	<p>e) UIC (CCS/ERTMS/FRMCS activities).  That not necessarily means that one of the organizations mentioned above must be the contracting authority, but project should be coordinated by it. Additionally, type of Candidate's involvement is not defined.  Please take a note that at this stage Procurement commission is not entitled to confirm whether experience presented by interested supplier meets the requirements stipulated in the 5.1.4 and/ or Section 14.1.2 of the Regulation, as Procurement commission does not provide evaluation of applications before their submission. However, the Procurement commission indicates that, in case if the pilot project was a subsequent activity to specification of the technical guidelines under coordination of the abovementioned organizations and the specified technical guidelines was implemented in the pilot project and included reporting to the abovementioned organizations, the project, <i>prima facie</i>, could be recognized as compliant to requirements stipulated in the Section 5.1.4 and/ or Section 14.1.2 of the Regulation.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Candidate selection regulation, 11.1  According to Section 11.1 regarding Submission of Applications, the Application shall be submitted by 30 Nov 2020 before 15:00 o'clock (Riga time). Due to the current circumstances related to COVID-19, in order to have enough time to collect all the requested documentation, we would like to request a two-week extension of the submission deadline.</p>	<p>Please refer to the answer provided for the question No 1.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Candidate selection regulation, Annex No 10  Please clarify what information we have to include in the column "type of involvement".</p>	<p>Annex No 10 of the Regulation must be filled with the information sufficient to prove that the Candidate meets the requirements stipulated in the Section 14.1.2 of the Regulation.  In accordance with Section 14.1.2 of the Regulation the Candidate [...] must have been involved (for example, as part of working group, review panels, expert role, etc.) in additional project/-s coordinated by organization mentioned in the Section 5.1.4 of the Regulation [...]. Type of Candidate's involvement is not strictly defined and in the Annex No 10 Candidate shall indicate its role within the project (some examples are given in brackets in Section 14.1.2 of the Regulation, but the list is not exhaustive).</p>

5.	<p>Candidate selection regulation, 5.1.4</p> <p>“The Candidate within the previous 10 (ten) years (2010-2019) until the date of submission of the Application was involved (for example, as part of working groups, review panels, expert roles, etc.) in one project coordinated by one of following organisations:</p> <p>a) ERTMS Users Group;  b) Shift2Rail projects (X2Rail-2 or X2Rail-3 or X2Rail-4);  c) EULYNX;  d) SmartRail 4.0;  e) UIC (CCS/ERTMS/FRMCS activities).”</p> <p>Can you please clarify if it is allowed to include project experiences with ERA (European Railway Agency) in addition to the ones listed above?</p>	<p>Procurement commission indicates that, to meet the requirement stipulated in the Section 5.1.4 of the Regulation, project shall be coordinated by one of the organisations mentioned in the Section 5.1.4 of the Regulation. Projects coordinated by other institutions will not be deemed as compliant.</p>
6.	<p>Candidate selection regulation, 14.1.2</p> <p>“The Candidate within the previous 10 (ten) years (2010-2019) until the date of submission of the Application was involved (for example, as part of working groups, review panels, expert roles, etc.) in additional project/-s coordinated by organization mentioned in the Section 5.1.4 of the Regulation but other than proposed to meet the qualification requirement stipulated in the Section 5.1.4 of the Regulation.”</p> <p>Can you please clarify if it is allowed to include project experiences with ERA (European Railway Agency) in addition to the ones listed in Section 5.1.4?</p>	<p>Please refer to the answer provided for the question No 5.</p>
7.	<p>Paragraph 11.1. Indicates the Application should be submitted by 30th November 2020.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the preparation of the proposal with time enough, we kindly request an extension of the submission deadline of at least one (1) week. The process of forming the Consortium took more than the expected so we would need at least one extra week to prepare the Application properly.</p>	<p>Please refer to the answer provided for the question No 1.</p>

Sincerely,

Procurement commission chairperson



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