

Summarized results of meetings with interested suppliers regarding Engineering services for scanning up to 4 ha large area of the potential munition buried in soil, for Rail Baltica

Dates of the meetings:

Riga, 13, 15, 20 January 2021

In accordance with Public Procurement Law of the Republic of Latvia, Article 18, Paragraph 2 Contracting authority has held meeting with interested suppliers in order to inform for subject matter of the upcoming procurement activity UXO remediation services for "Cekule" area which is part Rail Baltica railway line and provide answers to the questions received from the interested suppliers.

Meeting organised by: RB Rail AS, registration number 40103845025, registered address: K. Valdemāra iela 8-7, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia.

Venue of the meeting: Online meeting organised in *Microsoft Teams* platform

Participants from RB Rail AS:

Ģirts Bramans – Country manager
Mārtiņš Blaus – Procurement Manager
Jānis Lukševics – Procurement Specialist
Kārlis Dreimanis – Environmental expert
Mārcis Grieznis – Deputy Technical Project Manager
Līga Marija Putna – Technical Project manager
Ilze Zarovska – Assistant Technical Project manager

Other participants:

Supplier's authorized representatives

Meetings' agenda:

- 1) Rail Baltica presentation about the scope of the work
- 2) Opportunity for the supplier to present themselves
- 3) Discussion- Questions/Answers

Discussion summary

RB Rail AS representatives briefly explained the meeting participants the status of the Rail Baltica Global project. More detailed representation of the section "Vangaži- Salaspils- Misa" was carried out because the planned services are for Cekule are in the section. More in depth the potential suppliers were introduced with the historical background of the Cekule area and the planned scope of the work and possible UXO remediation scenarios.

The suppliers were introduced to the RB Rail AS procurement policy and procedures and supplied with the link to RB homepage for more detailed information.

The timeline of the services is limited to the weather conditions due to the activity being done outdoors and preferable time of the start of the activity is spring 2021. The service is limited due to the snow cover and temperature below freezing.

A. Participants profile

Fifteen suppliers, local and international (European), participated in the meetings. Each supplier was given a chance to present themselves, by explaining the profile and the experience of the company for similar works.

B. Possible scopes of Engineering services

During the meetings the following two potential options as the scope of work were presented:

Option 1: Scan of 4 ha of the UXO polluted area

Option 2: Scan and clean the 4 ha of the UXO polluted area

It was explained by the RB Rail representatives that the finalised scope of work shall be prepared for Technical specification and prepared procurement documentation. For this reason, the interested suppliers were encouraged to follow the procurement information published by RB Rail AS.

Questions addressed by the meeting participants after the meetings and answers provided by RB Rail AS:

- 1) **Question:** What type of procurement (services or works) the contracting authority is intended to apply in order to procure subject matter of the procurement presented during this meeting?

Answer: Please be informed that planning stage of this procurement is still ongoing and decision regarding selection of appropriate procurement type hasn't been taken yet.

- 2) **Question:** In case if procurement will be carried out as procurement for works (we consider such option because although subject matter of this procurement doesn't comply with definition of works directly as defined in Construction Law of the Republic of Latvia, however CPV (*Common Procurement Vocabulary*) code 45110000 could be applied), please clarify whether as compliant tenderers will be determined only suppliers who are registered in register of construction companies according to legislation of the Republic of Latvia? Whether any detailed technical design shall be prepared or building permit shall be received prior beginning of any works on site.

Answer: Please be informed that planning stage of this procurement is still ongoing and decision regarding selection of appropriate procurement type hasn't been taken. Regardless of this decision please note that selection of appropriate procurement type and also fulfilment of contract in any case shall be carried out according to corresponding regulatory enactments.

- 3) **Question:** Please clarify whether contracting authority is planning to carry out this procurement exercise as open competition or procurement according to Article 9 of the Public Procurement Law of the Republic of Latvia (Section 9 determines rules for procurement exercises with estimated contract value below 42000 euro without VAT)?

Answer: RB Rail AS clarifies that estimated contract value for this procurement activity is above 42000 euro without VAT and appropriate procurement procedure will be selected.

ANNEX- Supplier consultations RB Rail presentation (PowerPoint)