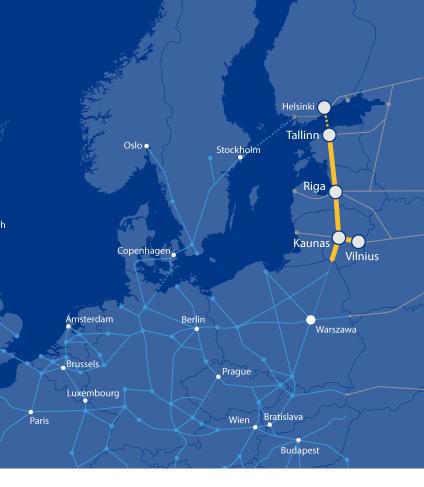
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Briefing on the submission of the Application

Dublin .

Procurement of Consolidated supply of turnouts and rail expansion joints for Rail Baltica railway construction RBR 2021/2





### The Guidance

#### What we want to ensure?

- Better understanding of the public procurement principles, Rail Baltica project procurement process and requirements;
- Improvement of overall quality of the applications/proposals;
- Avoid mistakes in the application process which can lead to unnecessary rejection of the applications.

#### How to achieve this?



Carefully review the regulations (prepare the checklist of required documents)



Review all relevant Info on railbaltica.org and E-tendering system eis.gov.lv



If something is not clear - Submit the question <u>timely</u>

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#### Legislative Requirements

- · Public Procurement Law of the Republic of Latvia
- · Cabinet Regulation No. 107 of the Republic of Latvia
- Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Activities of Public Officials
- Law on Administrative Liability
- Latest Latvian Court Practices
- (EE and LT Court Practices)
- EU Directives
- European Court of Justice principles
- Procurement Monitoring Bureau of the Republic of Latvia Practices

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#### Company & Project Rules and Policies

- Contracting Scheme Agreement
- Shareholders Agreement
- Inter-Beneficiary Agreement
- RB Rail AS Statutes
- Common Procurement Standards and Guidelines
- In-house Procurement Regulations:
  - Regulations for Organisation of Procurements
- Regulations on Representation Rights
- · Other in-house rules & policies

Procurement Commissions are safeguarded by Legislation, Corporate Governance and applicable practice, de-politicised and empowered to act based on due professional diligence, following the Rail Baltica Global Project requirements.

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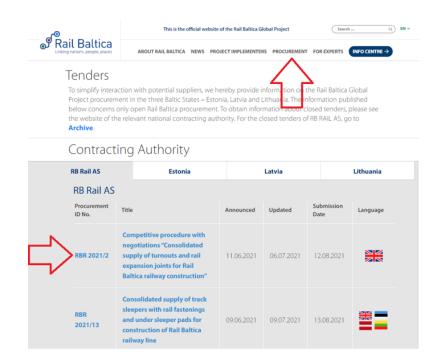
## Agenda

- Information on the published Procurement exercise;
- Registration in the E-Tenders system (available user manuals);
- Introduction to the Qualification stage regulations;
- Procurement Q&A process;
- Submission of the Application;
- FAQ;
- Answers to the questions from the participants.



### Where to find the information

#### www.railbaltica.org/tenders



Competitive procedure with negotiations "Consolidated supply of turnouts and rail expansion joints for Rail Baltica railway construction", RBR 2021/2

Announced: 11.06.2021 Updated: 14.07.2021 Submission Date: 12.08.2021

#### **Availability of Competition Documents**

The open competition regulation and all its annexes are available at the E-Fenders system in profile of publication in webpage https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Procurement/S8178 and at the Contracting authority's Internet webpage http://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/ (see section open competition documents below). Regulation of Competition is available free of charge.

#### Submission of Applications

Applications shall be submitted electronically using the tools offered by the E-Tenders system available at: https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Procurement/58178 by 12 August 2021 till 15:00 o'clock.

Only Applications submitted to the E-Tenders system will be accepted and evaluated for participation in the procurement procedure. Any Proposal submitted outside the E-Tenders system will be declared as submitted in a non-compliant manner and will not participate in the Competition.

#### Opening of Applications

The Applications will be opened in the E-Tenders system on 12 August 2021 at 15:00 o'clock during the open meeting. It is possible to follow the opening of submitted applications online in the E-Tenders system.

#### **Contact persons of Company**

In administrative aspects of the open competition: Procurement Manager Baiba Übele, telephone: +371 26273973, e-mail address: turnouts@railbaltica.org.

Documents of the Competitive procedure with negotiation (Downloads)

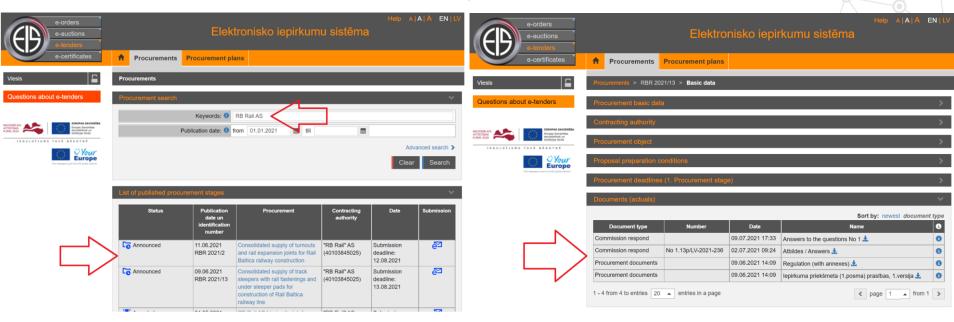
- Competitive procedure with negotiation "Consolidated supply of turnouts and rail expansion joints for Rail Baltica railway construction" candidate selection regulation/English version (download);
- Competitive procedure with negotiation "Consolidated supply of turnouts and rail expansion joints for Rail Baltica railway construction" candidate selection regulation/Estonian version (download);
- Competitive procedure with negotiation "Consolidated supply of turnouts and rail expansion joints for Rail Baltica railway construction" candidate selection regulation/Latvian version (download);
- Competitive procedure with negotiation "Consolidated supply of turnouts and rail expansion joints for Rail Baltica railway construction" candidate selection regulation/Lithuanian version (download).
- Answers to the questions from interested suppliers, 14 July 2021 (download).

Please be informed that candidate selection regulation in Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian is translated from English version using machine translator and is intended just for informative purposes. English version of the regulation prevails in any case.



### Where to find the information

#### https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier





#### **EPS** registration procedure

To register into the EPS, the supplier must fill in and submit the following to the State Regional Development Agency (SRDA):

- EPS user's registration form (signed by the supplier's authorised representative);
- Authorisation to act as administrator within the e-tender system in name of the user (signed by the supplier's authorised representative and the administrator to be authorised, meaning that the authorisation must be confirmed by two persons).

SRDA contacts: http://www.vraa.gov.lv/en/

Necessary application forms in English language:

Authorisation of the Administrator Application Form

#### Registration Form

Once the forms have been filled, they must be submitted to SRDA. The forms may be submitted either:

- in print;
- electronically, with a secure e-signature [1], by sending the electronic document to the email address: pasts@vraa.gov.lv.

After receiving the registration documents, SRDA registers the organisation as an EPS's member and creates a user with an assigned role supplier administrator. The supplier administrator receives an e-mail with the system's access data – a username, password and a code card.

Detailed manual on how to use the e-tender sub-system can be found here.

General questions on How to use e-tender subsystem can be found here.

Use of European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) in e-tender sub-system can be found here.



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#### E-Procurement System

Due to changes in the Lativian Public Procurement law, all Rail Baltica tender applications administered by RB RAIL AS onwards will be processed using free of charge electronic information system and its sub-system e-tender. The Electronic Procurement System (EPS) is currently an alternative to previous application and proposal submission system in Lativia that will completely replace the previous system of paper proposal submission.



In accordance with Article 39 and Transition provisions of the

authorities registered in Latvia, including RB RAIL AS, as of 1 October 2017, have to ensure submission of electronic applications and proposals for public procurements if the contract value is equal or exceeds 135 000 euros for goods and services and 5.25 000 euros in case of construction tenders.

RB RAIL AS is inviting its potential suppliers to register to EPS in order to access e-tender sub-system and participate in its current and future tenders. To use the e-tender sub-system of EPS, all non-registered users must register to EPS and create users riches to administrate the e-tender sub-system.

The EPS will benefit all involved parties as it will reduce the administrative burden put on both parties as well as the related costs. The system will also shorten the tendering process and will ensure greater transparency. The new



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- 2) Please specify in registration form e-mail address were incomming mails are checked regulary and check also spam folder before your registration is approved.

3) If you have any problems with registration or any other questions regarding EPS and E-Tenders subsystem, please

contact:





If you have any problems with registration in EPS and E-Tenders subsystem, you may contact directly to:

Senior Consultant

Zigurds Drafens

zigurds.drafens@vraa.gov.lv

tel. +371 67509520

Advice on joining the e-Procurement system and updating user access data



#### Most frequent question regarding registration of group of suppliers:

Q: Which companies shall be registered as users of E-Tenders system in order to submit Application/ Proposal if the Candidate or tenderer is a group of suppliers?

A: If the candidate is a partnership (consisting of several companies which have made commitment to submit application or proposal jointly):

- 1) All members may register as users of E-Tenders system and submit application jointly;
- 2) Partnership may authorize one member to submit application/ proposal on behalf of the partnership (partnership agreement must be concluded and attached);

If the candidate is just relying on capabilities and capacity of other entities <u>in order to meet any of qualification</u> requirements or involve sub-contractors, these entities shall not be registered as users of E-Tenders system.



# Introduction of the Qualification stage regulations

#### **REGULATION**

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Procurement Procedure: Competitive procedure with negotiation The Competition consists of two stages:

Stage One (qualification) – selection of the Candidates.

Stage Two (proposals) – submission of initial proposal(s) of the qualified Candidates and negotiations, submission of final proposal(s) and awarding of Framework agreement.

The subject-matter of the Competition – supply of the integrated turnout solution and supporting services for its deployment as part of the railway track infrastructure.

General description of the subject-matter of the Competition is included in Annex No 2 "General description of the subject matter" to the Regulation for the Selection of the Candidates. During the stage of the Selection of the Candidates, General description of the subject matter is given for informative purposes only.

Detailed description of the subject-matter of procurement will be issued to the Candidates, which will be selected for participation in the Stage Two of the Competition.

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## Minimum set of requirements for suppliers





Enrolment in a professional registry



Financial turnover & liquidity



Possession of expertise & experience



ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent



ISO 14001:2015 or equivalent

NB! If the Tenderer is a consortium, each member of the consortium shall comply with the above mentioned requirements



## Introduction of the Qualification stage regulations

#### **REGULATION**

enactments of other Member State

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STAGE TWO OF THE COMPETITION AND THE CONTRACT

#### 4. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE CANDIDATES

**4.1. Exclusion grounds (***will be verified according to Section 10.2.3. of Regulation***)** 

#### Legal standing and suitability to pursue the professional activity Economic and financial standing 4.3. Technical and professional ability<sup>3</sup> 4.2.1 Quality Management standards 4.3.1. 4.4.1. No Requirement Documents to be submitted 4.5.1. The manufacturer of the products shall have valid A copy of valid certificate of ISO quality management system that complies with 9001:2015 or equivalent quality ISO 9001:2015 standard or equivalent and which management system conforming to is approved by competent and independent European certification authority. standards, or a copy of certificate issued by other authority accredited in accordance with the procedures laid down in the regulatory

#### 6. CONTENTS AND FORM OF THE APPLICATION

- 6.1. Application must be submitted electronically in E-Tenders subsystem of the Electronic Procurement System (<a href="https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Procurement/Edit/">https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Procurement/Edit/</a> in accordance with the following options for the Candidate:
- 6.1.1. by using the available tools of E-Tender subsystem, filling the attached forms of the E-Tender subsystem for this procurement <u>procedure</u>;

#### 6.4. The following documents shall be included in the Application:

No	Document	Corresponding section in E-Tenders system (https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/) where document shall be uploaded
6.4.1.	Filled application form in accordance with Annex No 1	Selection requirements
6.4.2.	Documents confirming right of signature (representation):	Other requirements
	A document confirming the right of signature (representation) of the representative of the Candidate or each	



# Information in the application/ proposal



Use the forms which have been provided in the procurement regulations (usually annexes regarding supplier experience, experts experience, financial standing etc.)



Annexes are prepared and structured in a way to assist the supplier in the preparation of all requested information and not to miss some information.



Consider the requirement included in the procurement regulations and describe the compliance at least in the same detail.



### **Example**

#### EXPERIENCE OF THE CANDIDATE FOR LOT NO.1

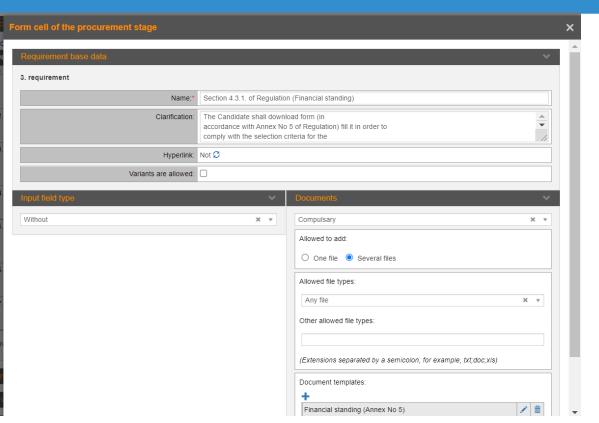
Section 4.4.1. Within the last 12 (twelve) years before the date of submission of the Application (year 2009 - 2021 till the submission of the Application) in any of continuous 12 months period the Candidate has performed 1 (one) or several supplies<sup>13</sup>, within 1 (one) or several contracts, of not less than 120 (one hundred twenty) high speed railway turnout sets in total, where:

- a) turnouts are designed with main track speed of at least 250km/h, and
- b) at least 30 turnouts are compliant with 1435 mm track gauge and has been put in operation in TSI<sup>14</sup> compliant railway line.

No	Name of the Client (Contracting authority)	Address, contact person and phone No., e-mail address of the Client for references	Name of the Project / Contract and Railway line, TSI compliance	Date of commencement (month / year) and date of acceptance of the services / supply (month / year)	Date of commissioning of the turnout set (month / year)	Description of the services / supply	Characteristics of the turnout set (speed, 1435 mm gauge)	Amount of turnout sets (pieces)
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# Forms to be filled in E-Tenders sytem





# Forms to be filled in E-Tenders sytem

#### Selection requirements

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### **Actions before the submission**



Supplier can ask questions and clarify requirements and request to amend them

NB! Please read the Q&A letters published in RBR website before asking your question!

In Qualification stage questions may be asked:

1. By e-mail to: turnouts@railbaltica.org

2. In EIS system (for registered users)

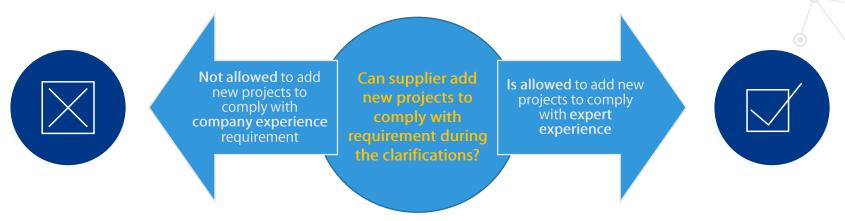


No amendments after submission! Tenderer has accepted the requirements by submitting the proposal!



## **Qualification/evaluation**

• Qualification assessment is carried out according to YES/NO principle



• Evaluation according to award criteria



### **Clarifications/Amendments**

Commission is willing to clarify all unclear information in the proposal before it makes the decision regarding non-compliance, however...

#### Commission must ensure:

- Transparency
- Free competition
- Equal and fair treatment
- Effective use of the funds of RB

#### Dos and Dont's:

- It is allowed to clarify information which is included in the proposal (clarifications)
- It is not allowed to add totally new information to the proposal (amendments)



## **Partnership**

There are no restrictions in any of RB Rail AS Procurements regarding the form in which supplier/-s can participate in the procurement.

However, in case supplier plans to participate in the procurement as partnership there are specific requirements, such as:



In the proposal a cooperation agreement must be submitted where it is agreed upon liability and responsibility of each member of the partnership.



Content of the partnership (members) cannot change during the procurement procedure.

Choose the potential partners carefully to minimize the risk of future disagreements!

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## **Entities on which capabilites supplier is relying**

These are entities which experience, financial status etc. supplier is relying upon to comply with qualification requirements.



All Entities must be clearly indicated in the annex attached to the procurement regulations.



There must be signed agreement or other document between the supplier and the Entity indicating that the resource on which it is relying will be available during the contract.



Entity and subcontractor is not the same, but a third party can be Entity and subcontractor at the same time.

NB! Employees of the tenderer are not Entities or subcontractors.



## Representation rights/PoA



Commission must verify that the proposal and other respective documents have been signed by a person who has representation rights.



If the person/-s in the company registration certificate differs from the one signing the proposal, it is mandatory to submit the respective power of attorney or other document that verify the persons rights to represent the supplier.



In some cases the chain between the person indicated in the company registration certificate and the person who has signed the proposal consist of several documents.

NB! All chain of documents (PoA) must be provided to the Commission.



## Request for deadline extension



Must be **justified** 



Must be sent in timely fashion



Reasons why commission usually reject the request:

- No justification
- Tight timeline of the procurement (which is related to overall RBGP timeline)
- Already reasonable time for submission has been provided
- Already reasonable extension has been provided

Thank you!

Time for Q&A session!

### **Useful Information**

Deadline for the submission of the Applications: 12 August 2021, 15:00 (EET) in E-Tenders system

<u>Please note: make sure you submit the Application timely (do not leave to the last day/minute), Applications submitted earlier are not accessible or readable before the opening time!!!</u>

- RBR website: https://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/
- RBR Procurement plan 2021: https://www.railbaltica.org/procurements/
- RBR procurements in E-tendering system: <a href="https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Organizer/3001">https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Organizer/3001</a>
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