**SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF THE MARKET CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED SUPPLIERS FOR UPCOMING PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE “DESIGN AND DESIGN SUPERVISION SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LINE THROUGH KAUNAS URBAN NODE”**

**Date of the meeting:** 30th September 2022 at 13:00 online (Riga time),

**Place of the meeting:** Online, using the Microsoft Teams app

**Participants:**

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Renata Karvelienė – Project Manager, AB LTG Infra.

Representatives of interested suppliers.

1. **Purpose of the consultation:**

To inform interested suppliers about the planned procurement exercise and the content of the subject-matter, as well as to obtain feedback from the interested suppliers regarding the main requirements of two upcoming procurements for design and design supervision services for Kaunas Urban Node.

1. **Consultation summary:**

The following topics were presented and discussed at the meeting:

* 1. **General introduction to the Rail Baltica Global project.**

General Rail Baltica project and its schedule were presented (see Annex with presentation material).

* 1. **General information on the upcoming procurement “Design and design supervision services for the construction of the new line through Kaunas Urban Node” Phase 1**

General scope of procurement, organizational structure of planned contract and service provision were provided (see Annex with presentation material).

1. **Q&A session**

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| 1. According to the fact that the Framework agreement duration is 96 months,  the price or rates should be recalculated according to the changes in the price level every year. | It is planned that contract will foresee a price indexation mechanism. |
| 1. The term for the expertise should not be included in the term for the Master Design preparation. | It is standard practice to undertake expertise during the Master Design and due to time constraints will run parallel to Master Design preparation. |
| 1. Do you think that the term for Master Design – 24 months – is reasonable regarding the experience on ongoing projects in Rail Baltica. | We understand that it is ambitious, but accordingly companies which are going to participate have to calculate the resources needed to deliver Master design within contract duration. |
| 1. The Detail Design stage should be started after the construction contractor is appointed. | It is not yet finally decided how it will be organized regarding Detailed Design preparation. Some parts of project, i.e. access roads, may be designed without contractor’s involvement. |
| 1. How many experts will be appointed? | It is foreseen that rather long list of experts will be needed to provide services on time. Consultants shall plan to appoint many experts before participation. More detailed information will be provided with the launch of procurement. |
| 1. We propose to apply lowest level BIM requirements  for roads,  structures related to roads, exit and entrances and utilities. | Proposal will be analysed and discussed. BIM requirements are defined by Design Guidelines and any change would require a derogation approved by TRG. |
| 1. How to evaluate the frequency of design supervision on the construction site? Will there be specific requirements not required for STR? | At this moment it is not planned to request something specific, but the full clarity will be after contract preparation is finalised. |
| 1. Will the experts' review start only after the solutions are approved by the Client? | If the question is understood correctly, usually experts’ review (like AsBo, NoBo) is organized in parallel to Client review. |
| 1. What is the scope and requirements for the Design proposal preparation an long as there is spatial plan with design solutions is prepared? | The Spatial plan defines land plots and corridor in general. Currently the alignment is not approved. The expectation for the designer is to deliver best possible alignment assuring lowest derogations from DGs. |
| 1. Is Kaunas Triangle included in the scope of Kaunas Node design and if so, why it was not a part of Vilnius-Kaunas design procurement? Can you clarify what is not a part of this design and will be designed separately? | Due to complexity of Kaunas Triangle, it was separated from Vilnius-Kaunas line and incorporated into Kaunas UN. It also has similar interfaces to Kaunas Node and should be managed together. This also accelerates Kaunas-Vilnius as it becomes more simple to deliver. Note: Kaunas station does not fall under the scope of Kaunas Node. |
| 1. Could you please explain what is the model of Framework contract planned to be applied? Is it a contract with one supplier or with several? Contract with several suppliers would be a disaster from our point of view. | It is now planned that it will be a Framework contract with one supplier, but if participants think that it would bring benefit to conclude contract with several tenderers, please provide your suggestions. |
| 1. Are infrastructure maintenance facilities included in the scope? How many infrastructure supporting facilities will be included? | Infrastructure maintenance facilities will not be included in the scope of this contract and will be procured separately. Infrastructure supporting facilities will be included but the final scope will be provided at the second stage launch. |

Statement:

*Information described in the summarized results of the meetings with interested suppliers is provided only for the information purposes and shall not be treated as definite requirements whatsoever of the procurement regulations. Procurement documentation will be drafted by procurement commission and procurement will be launched in accordance with the Public Procurement Law of the Republic of Latvia. The requirements included in the procurement documentation may differ from the information provided during the meetings with the interested suppliers as well as in the summarized results of the meetings.*

Annexes:

1. PRESENTATION MATERIAL