**Electronic Procurement System**

***Answers to questions from interested supplier***

***in the open competition* “*Procurement and Commercial Services Framework***

***for the Rail Baltica Global Project” identification number RBR 2022/22***

RB Rail AS presents following answers to questions received from interested supplier until 16 January 2023:

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| **Nr.** | **Question** | **Answer** |
| **1.** | During the Market Consultation meeting, celebrated one year ago (11th January 2022), it was indicated that the estimated contract price for all Lots would be approximately 5 million euro (excl. VAT). Now, the contract price indicated is 1.698.720 €. Please, kindly clarify if this price (1.698.720 €) is for each lot or, on the contrary, for all the 6 lots combined. In this case, could you specify the contract price for each of the six Lots? | Procurement commission kindly clarifies that the indicated price estimation was based on the preliminary project needs, which have become more precise during the evaluation of the technical specification.  The maximum value of the Framework Agreement is 1.698.720 EUR (without VAT), and this value includes all procurement lots. We cannot give more detailed information on how the Contract value is divided between the Lots, as the nature and volume of the services we require is determined based on –demand at the time. |
| **2** | During the Market Consultation meeting, celebrated one year ago (11th January 2022), it was indicated that the planned duration of the Framework Agreement for each Lot would be 3 to 4 years. Now, the duration of the contract is two years. Could you kindly clarify if it is intended by the client to extend the contract/s to 3 or 4 years? | We would like to clarify, that the contract period was shortened to 24 months in order to receive more precise prices from the market, that are valid for the whole 24-month period, because fixing the price for a longer term is riskier for the Client as expert fees may fluctuate.  There is no intention to extend the Framework agreement.  In addition, please be notified, that assignment orders’ validity period could be longer, than the actual Framework agreement period. |
| **3.** | Please, kindly clarify or specify, if possible, the (“mini”)-contracts that would be included within each Lot and the potential Conflict of Interest of each of them. | Procurement commission would like to clarify, that at this stage we cannot provide any further information on the planned mini-competitions. We understand the interest of Interested Suppliers and we can assure that such plans are made available to the awarded Contractors as soon as possible. |
| **4.** | Please, kindly confirm if it is possible to include the same expert in different Lots. | Procurement commission would like to clarify, that Section 8.4.2. of the Regulations states that “*The Tenderer is not entitled to propose the same experts for all Procurement Lots or the same expert for each level expert within one Lot*.” This means that **it is not possible to propose the same expert in more than one expert position**, even if the Tenderer applies for several procurement lots. |

Sincerely,

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| Procurement commission chairperson | M.Jogi |

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