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**Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers
in open competition "Design guidelines for Rail Baltic / Rail Baltica Railway",
id. No RBR 2017/1**

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 23 January, 2017 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	Would the fact of being engaged for this contract pose a conflict of interest thereby excluding one from participating in future design and/or other engineering services for Rail Baltica?	Being engaged in the execution of this contract will not automatically exclude the respective supplier from participating in future design and/or other engineering services within Rail Baltic/Rail Baltica project.
2.	One can assume that the level of detail of the design guidelines should correspond to the level of detail of the corresponding design to be executed. Would you please clarify what is the level of detail of the design guidelines: preliminary design, detailed design, construction design, or other?	Design guidelines shall set predefined and standardized technically and economically justified engineering and design solutions for Rail Baltic / Rail Baltica to be applied at design, construction and operation phases of the Railway. Design guidelines will be mandatory for all stakeholders involved in design and construction of the Railway. Engineering and design solution shall provide sufficient level of detail to provide guidance to the designing engineers, the guidance may include drawings of conceptual level.
3.	Is the budget for this contract publicly known and if so would you please inform us?	No, it is not stated in procurement announcement and shall not be announced.
4.	In §4.3 it states that the place of execution of Services as being Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. Would you clarify the meaning of "execution of Services". Does this requirement mean that all human resources performing Services have to work in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania when performing any part of Services?	The place of execution of services mean that meetings where presence of particular personnel will be required can be held in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. It does not require that all personnel are located in all three states during all period of delivery of services.
5.	In §8.3.1 one cross-border transport infrastructure project is required for the Legal advisor expert, but no similar requirement is stated for the Project manager or the General advisor experts. In	Section 8.3.1 states only the minimum qualification requirements, Section 20.5.1 states Proposal evaluation methodology where you can receive additional points when your proposed expert is

	§20.5.1 cross-border projects are listed as evaluation criteria for these the three experts. Would you please confirm?	above minimum set of criteria, for example, with cross-border project experience.
6.	Chapter 8.3.1 clause (g) sub clause (iii): Could you specify relevant "European railway regulation"?	References to European regulation (legislation) that are directly relevant to this railway project are listed in the Appendix 1 to Technical Specification "Draft Technical standards and specifications Manual of Rail Baltic / Rail Baltica Railway" (http://railbaltica.org/en/procurement-15 , section "Downloads"). Please be advised that this is not considered an exhaustive list.
7.	Chapter 8.3.1 clause (g) sub clause (iv): Would you confirm that "one cross-border transport infrastructure project" can be other than railway infrastructure project, e.g. bridge or road?	We confirm that "one cross-border transport infrastructure project" can be other than a railway infrastructure project.
8.	In § 15.1.1 (e) it states that the Consultant shall ensure full time availability of its personnel. Does this mean that all staff working on the services, including the seven experts, must be onsite for the 23 week duration of the services?	No, all staff is not required to be onsite all service provision period, but has to be available for communication and onsite visits if required.
9.	In chapter 35.4 it is stated that "The Contracting authority decision on which option to continue might take up to 30 days." Is this 30 days already included in the given time of 24 weeks, that is defined in chapter 63?	Up to 30 days for decision on which option to continue is included in the service provision period - 24 weeks.
10.	In chapter 35.4 it is stated that "Upon a request by the Contracting Authority, the Contractor shall take part and, where necessary, prepare informative materials or work reports in meetings, forums, discussions, etc. organized by the Contracting Authority or where the Contracting Authority shall take part. Such events are, for instance, Rail Baltica Task Force meetings, workgroups, meetings in the European Commission, meetings with stakeholders in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, or Finland, conferences, discussions, etc." What is the expected amount of these within the contract?	<u>Please note that:</u> 1. Section 58 of Technical Specification states: "Upon a request by the Contracting Authority, the Contractor shall take part and, where necessary, prepare informative materials or work reports in meetings, forums, discussions, etc. organized by the Contracting Authority or where the Contracting Authority shall take part. Such events are, for instance, Rail Baltica Task Force meetings, workgroups, meetings in the European Commission, meetings with stakeholders in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, or Finland, conferences, discussions, etc." instead of 35.4; 2. Section 60 of Technical Specification states: "Initiated by the Contracting authority the Contractor's project manager of the study, his deputy or any other competent Contractor's
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<p>project manager of the study, his deputy or any other competent Contractor's experts may be invited to take part in the meetings organized by the Contracting authority or meetings, where the Contracting authority shall take part, together with representatives of other authorities." What is the expected amount of these within the contract?</p>	<p><i>experts may be invited to take part in the meetings organized by the Contracting authority or meetings, where the Contracting authority shall take part, together with representatives of other authorities." instead of 35.4.)</i></p> <p>It is estimated that Contractor (members of proposed team of experts) could be required to take part in up to 3 (in total) meetings relevant to Section 58 and 60.</p>
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