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**Answers to the questions provided by the Tenderer in the open competition „Detailed technical design review and design expertise services for Rail Baltica in Latvia”, Id No RBR 2020/19**

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions from the Tenderers:

No	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>Regulations 15.1. Proposal (documents referred to in the Section13) shall be submitted electronically using the tools offered by the E-Tenders system available at <a href="https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/ProcurementProposals/46673">https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/ProcurementProposals/46673</a> (Updated, Procurement Commission decision made on 2 November 2020, session minutes No 2). by 30 November 2020, before 14:00 o'clock (Time Zone EEST (Eastern European Winter Time), Riga (Latvia))).</p> <p>In view of the difficulties generated by the COVID-19 crisis, in particular with the coordination of partnerships between companies, and in view of the format of the information file disclosed, we ask to consider a three week extension of the 30 November 2020 deadline imposed.</p>	<p>Hereby Procurement commission informs that it has made a decision to extend the date for submission of proposals. The time for submission of proposals will be extended till 11.12.2020. Please follow up the information provided in the E-Tender system and RB Rail AS webpage. In addition, please see the Annex to this letter.</p>
2.	<p>TS 3.2.1. According to the preliminary design solutions 261 km of Railway in Latvia includes 75 railway bridges/overpasses, 1 railway tunnel, 10 animal crossings, 78 road crossings, 5 pedestrian crossings and other structures. This amount of construction objects is indicative and shall not be treated as limiting and/or restricting the scope of Services. Tenderer shall take into account that actual number of total construction objects and structures may change during the Design process of Rail Baltica.</p> <p>Despite the disclosure of the Annexes 2-5, a clear summary of the numbers and the main characteristics of the artefacts subject to the Design Review and the Design Expertise is missing. Please provide such an overview.</p>	<p>Procurement Commission kindly explains that Tenderer shall prepare financial proposal on the basis of the number of “indicative” amount of construction objects specified in Clause 3.2.1 of the Technical Specification. The remark that the actual number of objects may change (<i>and therefore changes in volume are possible during the provision of the service</i>) is of an informative nature only. Therefore, if the number of construction objects will change, they will be carried out in accordance with the procedure specified in the Section 20 Variations of the Contract by providing additional payment for additional construction objects or/and structures.</p> <p>The financial proposals structure consists of the deliverables from the design contract, which will be submitted to experts accordingly. Financial proposal consists of four sections for</p>

		<p>each of the designing phases and their deliverables. The design priority is a section of the railway line (on average 15 –20 km), which includes respective engineering structures, bridges, road overpasses, railway overpasses, culverts, noise walls, etc. Consequently, the financial offer shall include a fixed amount for the project solution assessment (Design Review) service and the project expert-examination (Design Expertise) in each of the design stages. Design Review for Master Design and Detailed Technical Design stage, Design Expertise only for Detailed Technical Design stage. Design Review service is divided into more detail in accordance with the technical specification Annex 2 “Checklist”, which defines all requirements that must be checked for each design deliverable.</p> <p>Procurement Commission kindly explains that preliminary design is included in open competition documentation and shall serve as basis for estimation of the scope and amount of works. All actual information available for the Contracting Authority at this stage regarding construction objects has been given to the Tenderers.</p>
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4.	<p>Table 1. Design Sections and Design Priority Sections. The tenderer is interested to know how the total track under scope is divided in different lots and construction contracts and what are the n° of artefacts under their scope. This will help to define what are the number of interactions with potentially different Consultants. Please provide such an overview.</p>	<p>Procurement Commission would like to note that at this stage it is not yet defined how the construction lots will be divided. Information regarding interactions with potentially different Consultants can be defined only after design works will be fully finished. For territory of the Republic of Latvia RB Rail AS has procured four Detailed Technical Design Agreements which are implemented by four design suppliers.</p>

Procurement commission chairperson

E.Saule

*Document is approved by Procurement commission's decision made on 24 November, 2020 and is valid without signature.*

**Clarifications provided by the Procurement commission in the open competition „Detailed Technical Design Review and Design Expertise Services for Rail Baltica in Latvia”, Id No RBR 2020/19**

Procurement Commission informs that it has decided to extend the date for the submission of proposals till 11.12.2020. Information will be updated in the E-Tender system and RB Rail AS webpage.

Considering extension of proposal submission, Procurement Commission would like to kindly remind that **Proposal (Bid) Security shall be valid 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the day of opening (11.12.2020.) of the Proposal.**

In addition, Procurement commission hereby draws your attention to the following:

*Preparation of the Proposal (Bid) Security document (Procurement commission draws your attention in order to prevent possible mistakes while preparing Security document (considering this is one of the most common mistakes within procurements)):*

- Please note, that Proposal (Bid) Security must be addressed to the Contracting Authority: joint stock company **RB Rail AS**, legal address: K. Valdemara iela 8-7, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia.
- Please note, that Proposal (Bid) Security must contain all the information required in Section 10 of Regulations (e.g. accurate information regarding validity, regulatory enactments, claims and disputes, etc. as set in Section 10).
- Please note, that Proposal (Bid) Security document shall not be a subject for amendments or clarifications (during evaluation of Proposals). If the Tenderer fails to submit legally binding original of the Security document according to the Regulations, the Procurement commission will exclude the Tenderer from further participation in the open competition.