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Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers in procurement "The bridge inspections in Riga" ID. No RBR 2018/1

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 10 January 2018 from the interested suppliers:

Question	Answer
What are the current Rail access arrangements within Latvia? We'd like to understand the process behind gaining access to track.	It is unclear what is meant with Rail access arrangements – there are different access arrangements for use of the existing 1520 mm rail track and for works alongside the existing 1520 mm rail track. It must be taken into account that the new cut & cover tunnel for new railway track 1435mm will be under the overpasses and under the existing 1520 mm rail tracks. Either way, as per section 3.4 of the Technical specification (Annex 4 of Procurement regulations), it is the responsibility of the Contractor to receive all necessary approvals from the authorities in order to carry out the inspections. For more information please contact the relevant authorities.
Is the tender solely scored on price, or will the quality aspect be looked at as well?	Please refer to Sections 19.2 and 19.3 of the Procurement regulations which states that the lowest proposed contract price is the only evaluation criterion.
Is there a standard these inspections are expected to be provided against? In the UK we provide inspections to varying levels of detail depending on the relevant environment and what's required. We could do with understanding the specifics needed for this opportunity.	Please refer to Section 3 of the Technical Specification which specifies exactly what has to be inspected and in what level of detail.
Would there be a potential to use Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to carry out the required works? We could provide overhead pictures and survey from above if you feel	The exact method of works is not specified and is left for the decision of the Contractor. Please bear in mind that according to the Clients initial estimates, the most work-intensive inspection is of the substructure.
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