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***Answers to questions received from interested suppliers
in the competitive procedure with negotiation
“Consolidated supply of NOISE BARRIERS ELEMENTS
for Rail Baltica railway construction)”,
identification number RBR 2022/20***

RB Rail AS Procurement Commission presents following answers to the questions received from interested suppliers till 11 October 2022:

Nr.	Question	Answer
1.	Is it correct that the threshold level is supply of minimum 40 000 sqm transparent sound wall within a 12 months period?	<p>Please be informed that your considerations regarding requirement for volume of supplied transparent acoustic panels are noted and will be evaluated.</p> <p>Procurement Commission kindly informs you that amendments in Clause 4.3.2. of the Candidate Selection Regulations will follow. Amended Regulations will be published in E-Tenders system https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Procurement/87664 and simultaneously on Rail Baltica official webpage https://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/consolidated-supply-of-noise-barriers-elements-for-rail-baltica-railway-construction/, therefore, please follow the latest available information.</p>
2.	There has been no information previously during our discussions with RailBaltica that you will place a whole LOT to one supplier. Why? These are enormous projects – would be better to spread the work, lower the risk and enhance the installation process?	Procurement Commission kindly informs that in case one company is not able to meet all qualification requirements or does not have enough resources to perform the Contract, according to Clause 3.1. of the Candidate Selection Regulations, they may cooperate and submit Application as a group of suppliers (partnership). In such case, please refer to Section 5 in the Candidate Selection Regulations.
3.	In the Candidate Selection Regulation under 4.3.Technical and professional ability the standards EN 16272 and/or EN	Procurement Commission has noted your question and shall assess to make clarification in the Regulations. Procurement Commission kindly

	<p>1317 are required. EN 1317 is a EN standard for Road restraint systems, therefore not applicable for noise barrier elements. This standard should be corrected for all 5 Lots in § 4.3 as well as in annex no 4.1 to 4.5.</p>	<p>informs you that amendments in Clause 4.3.1.-4.3.5. and Annex 4.1.-4.5. of the Candidate Selection Regulations will follow. Amended Regulations will be published in E-Tenders system https://www.eis.gov.lv/EKEIS/Supplier/Procurement/87664 and simultaneously on Rail Baltica official webpage https://www.railbaltica.org/tenders/consolidated-supply-of-noise-barriers-elements-for-rail-baltica-railway-construction/ , therefore, please follow the latest available information.</p>
4.	<p>In the Candidate Selection Regulation under 4.3.Technical and professional ability 4.3.2 For the Candidates applying for Lot No 2 references of total volume of 40 000m² produced according with standard EN 16272 within 12 months are required. This seems to be a quit big amount, since the standard EN 16272 is only used in Europe and the transparent noise barrier market along railways is limited.</p>	<p>Please be informed that your considerations regarding requirement for volume of supplied transparent acoustic panels are noted and will be evaluated.</p> <p>Please refer to the information given in the previous answer.</p>
5.	<p>Lūdzam sniegt skaidrojumu</p> <p>- Kā veidojas un kā pareizi aprēķināt vidējo finanšu apgrozījuma vērtības summu, kas noteikta katrai daļai, uz kuru Kandidāts pieteiksies, iesniedzot Pieteikumu. Vai ir pareizi saprotams, ka ir jāsasummē visas apgrozījuma vērtības summas izvēlētajās daļās kopā un kopsummu jāsadala ar izvēlēto daļu skaitu (piem. 1,5 mln + 8 mln+4mln+10mln +3ml = 26,5 mln ; 26,5 mln : 5 = 5,3 mln)./</p> <p>Please provide an explanation</p> <p>- How is the amount of the average financial turnover for each part that the Candidate will apply for when submitting the Application formed and how is it correct. Is it correctly understood that it is necessary to add up all the amounts of the turnover value in the selected parts together and divide the sum by the number of selected parts (e.g. 1.5 million + 8 million + 4 million + 10 million + 3 million = 26.5 million ; 26.5 million : 5 = 5.3 million).</p>	<p>Iepirkuma komisija skaidro, ka atbilstoši Nolikuma 4.2. punktam, Kandidāta vai piegādātāju apvienības dalībnieku kopā (ja Kandidāts ir piegādātāju apvienība un apliecina vidējo finanšu apgrozījumu kopā) vidējam finanšu apgrozījumam par pēdējiem 3 finanšu gadiem (2019, 2020, 2021) ir jāatbilst summai, kas ir noteikta Nolikumā katrai daļai, respektīvi:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 1,5 miljons EUR, ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu 1. daļā; 2) 8 miljons EUR, ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu 2. daļā; 3) 4 miljons EUR, ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu 3. daļā; 4) 10 miljons EUR, ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu 4. daļā; 5) 3 miljons EUR, ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu 4. daļā. <p>Ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu vairākās daļās, tad vidējam finanšu apgrozījumam pēdējos 3 finanšu gados (2019, 2020, 2021) ir jābūt ne mazākam kā summai, kas veidojas saskaitot prasības visām daļām, par kurām Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu. Piemēram, ja Kandidāts iesniedz Pieteikumu par visām 5 daļām, tad tā vidējam finanšu apgrozījumam pēdējos 3 finanšu gados (2019, 2020, 2021) jābūt vismaz 26,5 miljoniem EUR./</p>

		<p>Procurement Commission hereby explains that according to Clause 4.2. of the Regulations, the Candidate's or all members' of the partnership together (if the Candidate is a partnership and confirms the average financial turnover jointly), average annual financial turnover within the last 3 (three) financial years (2019, 2020, 2021) shall be not less than amount set in Regulations for each Lot, respectively:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 1,5 million EUR if the Candidate applies for the Lot No 1; 2) 8 million EUR if the Candidate applies for the Lot No 2; 3) 4 million EUR if the Candidate applies for the Lot No 3; 4) 10 million EUR if the Candidate applies for the Lot No 4; 5) 3 million EUR if the Candidate applies for the Lot No 5. <p>If the Candidate applies for several lots, average financial turnover within the last 3 (three) financial years (2019, 2020, 2021) shall be not less than sum of average financial turnover values set for each lot for which the Candidate has applied by submitting Application.</p> <p>For example, if the Candidate submits an Application for all 5 Lots, then its average financial turnover in the last 3 financial years (2019, 2020, 2021) shall be at least EUR 26.5 million.</p>
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Sincerely,

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