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Electronic Procurement System

***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 17 October 2022:

Nr.	Question	Answer
1.	Do all partners in a Partnership project need to be registered fully and separately in the EPS system, or is it enough to add them in the Pretender Section only?	<p>Procurement Commission kindly explains that if the Candidate is a partnership consisting of several entities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) all members may submit Application in the Electronic Procurement System jointly or 2) partnership may authorize one member to submit Application on behalf of the partnership (<i>in such case please note: partnership agreement or Letter of Intent must be concluded and attached to Application</i>). <p>It is not mandatory to register all members of the partnership as users of the Electronic Procurement system (EPS). At least one member who is authorized to submit Application on behalf of the partnership, shall be registered as a user of the EPS to be able to upload and sign Application in the EPS. Brief tutorial with instructions how to submit and sign the Application in the EPS is available here: http://paligs.eis.gov.lv/suppliers/.</p>
2.	Why isn't it possible to register Estonian companies as Partners or Subcontractors in the Pretender section (Estonia does not occur in the drop down menu)	<p>Please note that if the Candidate is just relying on capabilities and capacity of other entities (not included in the partnership) <u>in order to meet any of qualification requirements or involve sub-contractors</u>, these entities shall not be registered as users of Electronic Procurement system.</p>

		<p>If additional assistance on registration is needed, or if you have any other questions regarding Electronic Procurement System, please contact State Regional Development Agency:</p> <p>1) Senior Consultant Mr. Zigurds Drafens: zigurds.drafens@vraa.gov.lv, +371 67509520 (advice on registering in Electronic Procurement system)</p> <p>2) Support Center for the Electronic Procurement System: eis@vraa.gov.lv, +371 66155511</p>
3.	<p>We are not sure, how to understand the changes made in 1st amendment? (..) Isn't it right, that the pre-qualification stage 1 is for Rail Baltica, an European rail routes project, so this has to prove interoperability? (..) Looking forward to the technical product requirements in stage 2 necessary to fulfil the TSI and interoperability for Rail Baltica, shouldn't experience with rail standards, for example EN 16272, be essential?</p>	<p>Please be kindly informed that amendments in the Regulations have been made in the section of Selection Criteria for Candidates.</p> <p>Requirements for reference projects have been set in the First (Qualification) Stage of the Competition for the purpose to assess the technical capability of the Candidates to deliver the Contract and it is not intended to cover any aspect of the Technical proposal.</p> <p>Please be aware that more detailed requirements for characteristics of noise reducing devices, including supporting standards, will be provided in the detailed Technical Specification in the Second Stage documentation.</p>

Sincerely,

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