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**Answers to the questions from the interested suppliers  
in open competition "Expert Services" id. No RBR 2017/10**

RB Rail AS presents the following answers to the questions received until 31 May, 2017 from the interested suppliers:

No	Question	Answer
1.	Please confirm that Tenderer (including their corresponding experts) participating in this open competition could participate in any other competition for the Rail Baltica Global project announced by RB Rail AS (including branches in LT and EST) or National implementing bodies?	Participation in this open competition "Expert services" does not restrict the tenderers (including their experts) to participate in other procurements within Rail Baltica Global project. Experts, who will be implementing assignment orders within the framework agreements concluded after the procurement process, shall be aware of possible conflict of interests in respect of their employers planning to participate in other Rail Baltica project procurements or involved in Rail Baltica implementation activities.
2.	<i>Translated by procurement commission:</i> "Do you gather experts, to contract them in closed competition afterwards?"	The aim of this open competition is to establish the pool of experts by entering into framework agreements with maximum of 3 experts per field of expertise who shall be assigned to provide expert services through conducting a mini-competition between the experts of the same field of expertise or through a direct award.
	<i>(original question in Latvian: "Vai Jūs vācat specialistus, lai pēc tam taisīt slēgtus iepirkumus starp tiem?")</i>	Iepirkuma mērķis ir izveidot ekspertu kopu noslēdzot vispārīgo vienošanos ar līdz 3 ekspertiem katrā ekspertīzes jomā, kuri pēc tieša pieprasījuma vai piemērojot aptaujas metodi tiktu nolikti sniegt pakalpojumus.

3.	<p><i>Translated by procurement commission:</i> Is this procurement being more of a survey, to collect required number of experts? Respectively, whether anybody from participants can be excluded or you will proceed with all experts who proposed themselves and their entities?</p>	<p>This procurement is being implemented as open competition in accordance with the Public Procurement Law of Latvia. The conditions for the tenderers to participate in the procurement as well as proposals' evaluation and ranking procedures are set in open competition "Expert services" regulation. Please also see the answer to question No 2.</p>
	<p><i>(original question in Latvian: Vai šis ir vairāk aptaujas iepirkums, lai savākt nepieciešamo specialistu daudzumu? Respektīvi vai šeit kāds var būt izslēgts no iepirkuma, vai Jūs turpināsiet pēc tam ar visiem specialistiem, kas ir pieteikuši sevi un savus uzņēmumus?)</i></p>	<p>Iepirkums tiek veikts apbilstoši atklāta konkursa nosacījumiem kuri noteikti Publisko iepirkumu likumā. Prasības pretendentiem, lai piedalītos iepirkumā, kā arī piedāvājumu vērtēšanas un to ierindošanas nosacījumi ir noteikti atklāta konkursa "Ekspertu pakalpojumi" nolikumā. Lūdzu skatīt arī atbildi uz 2. Jautājumu.</p>
4.	<p>Will expert meet minimal qualification requirement for the Spatial planning Latvia expert, if he/she has a master degree in the environment science and management?</p>	<p>Procurement commission cannot pre-evaluate the candidates based on the information described in the question or verify their compliance with minimal qualification requirements before submission of the proposal. It is up to the tenderer to provide necessary information (i.e. diploma) confirming that expert's education (specialisation) is directly linked to a field of expertise an expert is applying for.</p>
5.	<p>Will "Detailed technical study and environmental impact assessment of the Latvian section of the European gauge railway line Rail Baltica" be considered as "public infrastructure project with investment value higher than EUR 5,000,000", if the value of the contract of the Detailed technical study is EUR 3,993,000, and value of the planned investments are EUR 1,968,900,467?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
6.	<p>Is this correct? Although expert is the only expert, he/she has to fill in tenderer's applications (annex No. 1), too.</p>	<p>Correct, if an independent expert applies for open competition he/she is considered as a tenderer and is obliged to submit tenderer's application (Annex No. 1 of open competition regulation).</p>
7.	<p>For the Field of Expertise that contains the name of a country (Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania), will projects outside these countries be taken into consideration with the maximum experience score if they</p>	<p>Project experience requirement for the fields of expertise where country's name is included in the title is not limited to a particular country. Projects implemented outside of specified</p>

	<p>meet the requirements that states in the column "Project experience"? Could you please confirm this understanding?</p>	<p>countries shall be considered as experience. Please be aware that experts applying for the fields of expertise where country's name is included in the title will be expected to implement assignments closely linked to the legislation and local practice of a particular country concerned.</p>
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