

## SUMMARY

of consultation with suppliers

regarding the planned procurement procedure „**RAIL BALTICA MAINLINE CONSTRUCTION IN LATVIA ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION SERVICES**”

**Date and time of consultation:** 24.11.2021, 15:00 – 17:00

**Place of consultation:** *MS Teams* platform, online.

### Participants of consultation:

- Representatives of SIA „EIROPAS DZELZCEĻA LĪNIJAS” (hereinafter referred to as EDzL):

Kaspars Vingris	Head of the Management Board
Andrea Laudanna	Chief Engineer
Einars Jaunzems	Director of the Project Implementation and Management Department
Gatis Gangitis	Project Manager of the Project Implementation and Management Department
Dana Sauberga	Public Relations Project Manager
Kaspars Baikovskis	Head of Technical support of the Project Implementation and Management Department
Rolands Pocs	Procurement Manager of the Project Implementation and Management Department

- Representatives of the joint venture RB Rail AS (hereinafter referred to as RB Rail):

Girts Bramans	Head of Strategic stakeholders and communications
Eriks Dilevs	Technical Director
Aiga Benfelde	Procurement Manager
Alvydas Jagminas	Senior Contracts Manager

- Representative of the Ministry of Transport: Ludmila Juskevica, Head of the Unit of Rail Baltica Legal Affairs.

- Representatives of suppliers:

32 enterprises/institutions applied for participation in the consultation. The total number of participants of the consultation in the *MS Teams* environment: ~ 90 users.

## **I Introduction**

At the beginning of the consultation, moderator D.Sauberga, representative of EDzL, acquaints the attendees with the rules of the consultation (technical solution of consultation, recording of the consultation, order of asking questions and discussion, etc.), the planned structure and goals of the consultation.

The presentation video of already started Rail Baltica projects (reconstruction of Riga Central train station and construction of RIX airport train station) managed by EDzL is presented.

## **II Presentation**

K.Vingris, representative of EDzL, starts the presentation providing general information on the organisational structure and financing of the Rail Baltica and project sections managed by EDzL. K.Vingris provides information about the structure of Project Implementing body EDzL and its role and responsibilities.

G.Bramans, representative of RB Rail, continues by providing information about the Rail Baltica project and activities in the project started and planned by RB Rail:

1. presents information about the types of procurement in the Rail Baltica project and governance of procurements;
2. presents information about the BIM requirements in the Rail Baltica project and the planned transfer of design stage BIM data to construction stage.

E.Jaunzems, representative of EDzL, continues by providing information about the planned Rail Baltica main line construction works procurement:

1. the procurement procedure will be organised in accordance with the regulatory enactments of the Republic of Latvia and EU procurement regulations. It is planned that the procurement procedure will be divided in two stages: 1) Qualification of candidates and 2) Submission of proposals and negotiation (if needed).
2. announcement of the first stage – Qualification of candidates is planned to be launched in December 2021. Announcement of second stage is planned in April 2022 and the end of procurement procedure and signing of contract and mobilisation is planned in September 2022.
3. In order to start construction works there are identified three major processes to be organized by EDzL:
  - 1) Land acquisition – the procedure has started but calendar of availability of land will be known in the second half of 2022;
  - 2) Approved detailed technical design – in despite design works are progressing in every section, precise and final calendar of delivery of approved detailed technical design will be available in the second half of 2022;
  - 3) Project funding – it is expected, that project funding will be available in project stages.

Construction works in every construction section/stage will be ordered to a contractor only if all previous mentioned processes will be finished.

A.Laudanna, representative of EDzL, continues by providing the information about the planned task of engineer and main line construction work contract conditions:

1. Engineer services main task is to perform FDIC Red book (2017 edition 2) Engineer services according FIDIC white book (2017 edition 5) contract conditions and contract administration works, but not limited to and be defined in Scope of Work documentation:

- Engineer will be entrusted contract administration process on behalf of the Employer;
- Verification of eligibility criteria under Financing regulation;
- Supervision and Employer representation during works, relation with main stakeholders;
- Conformity to Latvian Procurement Law.

And to perform supervision services according construction regulation of Latvia:

- Rail Baltica construction works – III group of construction objects (out of III) with the strictest requirements for construction safety and construction works supervision;
- Design for III group objects must be expertised, also any changes during construction works must be expertised; (expertise will be ensured by separate party);
- Control over construction/supervision works is done by two main institutions: BVKB and VDZTI.

2. Planned work phases and management teams' mobilization stages will be:

- Mobilization general;
- Early contractor involvement general;
- Early contractor involvement for specific Building Permit;
- General management team mobilization;
- Regional management team mobilization;
- Specific Building Permit management team.

Different requirements for human resources involved will be applied, different mobilization time will be applied and different remuneration mechanism for each phase will be applied.

3. the contract will be structured on the principle of Phasing of Works. By signing the contract, the contractor will sign for the awarded contract amount (for example, 50 MEUR), but the committed amount (for example, 5 MEUR) will be activated at confirmation of the availability of funds, land and design.

4. Planed requirements for human resources to be mobilised:

- Management with experience of similar type of big scale linear construction contract;
- Experts in FIDIC contract administration and QS;
- Local legal experts with experience in construction and public procurement;
- Expert in design review of railway object, bridge, utility's;
- Local certified or (foreign to be certified) Technical site supervisor;
- Environmental, safety, LEAN management expert.

5. Early contractor involvement will be divided in main two consecutive phases which both will be remunerated:

- Planning: Constructability, Execution Plans, and Detailed Scheduling of the Works;
- Execution: Perform the Work to the Plans developed in Phase 1.

Expected deliverables of Phase 1 will be:

- Prepare Level 3 In-depth Construction Driven Schedule;
- Prepare Detail Construction Organization;
- Perform Constructability reviews based upon the status of Engineering;
- Prepare in Depth Logistics Management Plan complete with Warehousing and Laydown areas;
- Prepare Temporary facilities/utilities plan, including identification of proposed work bases, parking craft areas and land requirements;
- IMF – facility development.

E.Jaunzems, representative of EDzL, continues by providing the information about the overview of the Rail Baltica main line construction works task:

1. main line total length is ~ 255 km, it is planned that the construction works will include construction of 60 railway bridges, 85 road overpasses, 9 animal passages, it is on cost/benefit evaluation to include or not to include in the scope of main line the construction works of 12 regional stations and 2 infrastructure maintenance facilities;
2. construction works in construction sections will be divided by building permits. For design stage main line is divided in 4 sections: LVDS1 - Upeslejas-Rīga-Misa (56 km) – includes 20 building permits; LVDS2 - Vangaži – Salaspils – Misa (67 km) – includes 31 building permits; LVDS3 – EE/LV border - Vangaži (94 km) – includes 14 building permits; LVDS4 - Misa-LV/LT border (45 km) – includes 11 building permits. It is planned that the first construction works will start in section LVDS4 - Misa-LV/LT border in building permits for Iecava river bridge section and Memele river bridge section.
3. Examples of Engineer reports from EDZL managed construction object are presented: of related objects to the main line construction:
  - Monthly report;
  - Safety report;
  - Financial report;
  - Example of Variation order.

E.Dilevs, representative of RB Rail, continues by providing the information about the examples of structure to be built in the Rail Baltica project:

1. Embankments, bridges and road overpasses, combined road/animal overpasses, noise barriers, largest bridges – Gauja river bridge near Murjani and combined railway and cars bridge over Daugava River near Salaspils.

### **III Answers to the questions asked**

1. E.Jaunzems moderates Q&A section and together with the participants from EDzL and RB Rail answers the questions submitted in *MS Teams* chat during the consultation.
2. The information on questions asked during the consultation and provided replies is available as an Annex to this summary in a separate document.

## IV Closing

Moderator D.Sauberga closes the consultation by thanking the participants for participation and questions asked.

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### **Annex:**

- Answers to the questions from suppliers on 5 (*five*) pages.