

SUMMARY

of consultation with suppliers

regarding the planned procurement procedure „**RAIL BALTICA MAINLINE
CONSTRUCTION IN LATVIA**”

Date and time of consultation: 08.09.2021, 15:00 – 17:15

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
Oksana Gorjunova	Construction Contracts Financial Controller 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:

56 enterprises 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 planned consolidated procurement of components/elements for construction works;
3. 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 October 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 March 2023;
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 conditions of the Rail Baltica main line construction works contract:

1. 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, 400 MEUR), but the committed amount (for example, 100 MEUR) will be activated at confirmation of the availability of funds, land and design;
2. the construction contract will be based on FIDIC Red book 2017 edition 2 and the FIDIC Engineer's contract will be based on FIDIC White Book 2017 edition 5. The planned defect notification period for construction works is 5 years. Payment terms generally, 30 days after receipt of IPC signed by the FIDIC Engineer;
3. the contract is planned to be based on pricing basis: unit prices divided in manpower, tools and material components equivalent to the contractor direct costs will be the base of contract BoQs with escalation factors for labour, materials, plant & equipment for construction works. On top will be included overheads and profit as a pre-agreed percentage of direct costs to cover general overheads, site running facilities, project and construction management. Payment will be approved monthly by the Engineer, compensated on the basis of the actual measured quantities on the basis of precisely defined method of measurement;
4. it is planned to use the approach of the early contractor involvement: the contractor will be involved in the last phase of preparation of detailed technical design. Early contractor involvement contract delivery will be divided into 2 phases, both remunerated:
 - 1) Planning: Constructability, Execution Plans, and Detailed Scheduling of the Works
 - 2) Execution: Perform the Work to the Plans developed in Phase 1. Planned deliverables from the contractor for Phase 1 - Planning: 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, the decision about inclusion will be made till publication of 1st stage procurement documentation;
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. Design/construction status of related objects to the main line construction:

Riga central train station construction works are ongoing, construction works are performed by the partnership BERERIX according to the FIDIC Yellow book, Design and Build contract, the FIDIC Engineer services are provided by the partnership EGIS&DB.

RIX (airport) train station construction works is ongoing, construction works are performed by the partnership B.S.L. Infra according to the FIDIC Red book, designs are prepared by the partnership PROSIV, the FIDIC Engineer services are provided by the partnership Prointec&Forma2.

Other four, point type objects are in design phase: Salaspils FHT – design started, IMFs Skulte and Iecava – procurement stage for the design contract, Regional Stations and Rolling depo Jaunmarupe – pre procurement stage for the design contract.

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.

The contracting authority and its representatives during the consultation provide only general information about the subject matter of the planned procurement, which may change later during development of the documentation for the specific procurement. This information does not entail any legal consequences (rights and duties) for the contracting authority and interested suppliers.

Annex:

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