*To the interested parties*

**concerning the invitation to THE MARKET CONSULTATION**

In order to properly prepare for the planned procurement of **„Rail Baltica“ New railway line from Panevėžio to Lietuvos/Latvijos sienos su Joniškėlio raiwlay station design and design supervison services**​ (hereinafter referred to as the “**Procurement**”), and following the provisions of Article 39 of the Republic of Lithuania Law on on Procurement by Contracting Authorities Operating in the Water, Energy, Transport or Postal Services Sectors (hereinafter – LP), UAB „LTG Kompetencijų centras“ (hereinafter referred to as “**KC**”), authorised byLTG Infra, AB, organises a **consultation of the market participants**.

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| **Object of the consultation:** | Proper preparation for the Procurement by establishing the qualification requirements for suppliers. |
| **Presentation of the object of the Procurement** | Description of the Procurement object shall set out in Annexes to this Invitation.  NOTE: **Due to the technical limitations of the CPP IS and the large scope of documents, the annexes to the Technical Specification will be available by other means in accordance with Article 34(7) and Article 49(4) of the PL, i.e. via the link. The Participant of market consultation will be given access to this link upon request via the correspondence section of the CPP IS. In the request the Participant of market consultation will be required to provide an e-mail address. This e-mail address will be used to grant access to the annexes to the Technical Specification contained in the link.** |
| **Purpose of the consultation:** | KC shall inform market participants (hereinafter referred to as the “market participants” or “suppliers”) about the planned Procurement prior to the start of the Procurement by requesting suppliers interested in participating in the Procurement to provide their opinion / tenders / recommendations on the establishment of a more efficient procurement model (qualification requirements (the drafts shall be attached as Annex No. 2)), best practice examples of the solutions applied worldwide, the directions for their improvement in the near future, and the benefits to be derived. |
| **Market consultation procedure:** | 1. The consultation shall be carried out through the Central Portal of Public Procurement (hereinafter referred to as the “**CPPP**”), requesting to answer the questions posed by KC and providing insights, proposals and recommendations.  2. Following the evaluation of the supplier’s tenders / answers / insights, a teleconference / live meeting with market participants (hereinafter referred to as the “**Meeting**”) may be additionally held if necessary, during which KC shall answer to the questions submitted through the CPPP or the questions shall be answered in writing.  **It should be noted that potential market participants who will be invited to live meetings will be required to sign a Confidentiality Statement (Commitment), the form of the document will be provided before the meeting is organized.**  We will inform you about the organisation of the Meeting and the circumstances related it by a separate notice. |
| **Comments (proposals):** | KC invites market participants to make specific proposals and to provide justifications for their proposals, which shall be discussed at the Meeting if necessary. Market participants shall be invited to provide questions by completing Annex No. 5 – *Suppliers Questions.*  We also request market participants to answer the questions of KC set out in Annex No. 4 – *Questions for Suppliers.* |
| **Time for market consultation** | Suppliers shall be requested to submit their proposals / answers (including the answers to the attached questionnaire) by means of the CPPP no later than **May 16, 2025 (inclusive).**  Questions, comments and proposals received after the above deadline may be not considered. |
| **Language of the market consultation** | Suppliers may submit their proposals in Lithuanian and / or English.  The meeting shall be held in Lithuanian and / or English (if necessary). |
| **Informing interested parties:** | All questions and proposals submitted by suppliers through the CPPP relating to the object of the consultation and the decisions / responses taken / prepared by the KC shall be made publicly available on the CPPP under the market consultation documents not later than before the commencement of the Procurement. |
| **Contact persons:** | Person responsible for the conduct of the CPPP procedures – Strategic Procurement Project Manager of KC Ugnė Andriuškevičiūtė, tel. +370 626 50071, e-mail: ugne.andriuskeviciute@ltgkc.lt |

It should be noted that the consultation is free of charge. No expenses are reimbursed to the participants. The information obtained during the market consultation will be used for the purpose of taking decisions on the organisation and conduct of the procurement, without prejudice to the requirements of the LP.

**ATTACHED**:

1. Annex No. 1.1 – Technical Specification (TS) with Annexes;
2. Annex No. 1.2 – Presentation;
3. Annex No. 2.1 - Grounds for exclusion and other requirements for Suppliers;
4. Annex No. 2.2 – Criteria for evaluating of Tender;
5. Annex No. 3 – Project of Contract;
6. Annex No. 4 - Questions for Suppliers;
7. Annex No. 5 - Suppliers Questions.

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