

Procurement Procedure Stage 1_ questions _answers

Project: ULP-RES Wind Park Development

Question No	Reference to	Question	Date of Question received	Utilitas Response	Utilitas Response Date
1	Criterion 1	How old can be Company registration extract? Please confirm if attached company registration extract is accepted.	2025-11-14	A company registration extract issued in June 2025 is acceptable.	2025-11-20
2	Criterion 1	Proof of EU/EEA establishment (if branch) – this is verified in company registration extract. Please confirm.	2025-11-14	Yes, we confirm that the information provided in the company registration extract is sufficient to verify EU/EEA establishment.	2025-11-20
3	Criterion 3, 4, 5	Please confirm that UTILITAS WIND SIA, tender beneficiary, accepts tenderer structured as a local subsidiary acting as a direct tenderer, with full financial and technical support of parent group . Will the attached letter be sufficient for that matter?	2025-11-14	Yes, that is acceptable. We understand that the tender qualification is submitted by local subsidiary , and that certain questions (e.g., Criteria 3, 4, 5) may be answered based on information from parent group .	2025-11-20
4	Criterion 5	CE & IEC certificates – All necessary certificates will be delivered in due time. Not all of them are available today. Please accept to add this disclaimer as comment in Annex I.	2025-11-14	Accepted. A statement on the expected timeline of the certification explaining this would be sufficient. What is important here is that the type certificate is provided at the time of commissioning.	2025-11-20
5	Criterion 5	Annex IV point 1 - Please accept to add this disclaimer as comment in Annex I "The offered equipment complies with the national grid code of Latvia to extent described in grid code variant data sheet - attached " (as attached for revision)	2025-11-14	Submission of Annex IV is mandatory to ensure that offers are comparable. While the turbine manufacturer is not expected to be contractually responsible for the grid tests, a statement of compliance with the RfG and its national implementation, demonstrating that the turbines meet the essential requirements is mandatory. The wind turbine supplier is not responsible for cable lines or substations. The supplier may provide additional documentation relevant to demonstrating this compliance.	2025-11-20
6	Criterion 5	In order to accept wording in Annex IV point 2 we kindly request amendment of "Spare parts" with "Spare Parts (Main Components excluded) which CONTRACTOR stores as stock at the Project Site". Kindly please confirm and propose if Annex IV shall be amended accordingly or this amendment shall be implemented in Annex I point 5 ?	2025-11-14	The requirement refers to minor but essential spare parts that can be replaced during ordinary service activities without heavy-lifting equipment (e.g., no cranes). Major components are not expected to fall under this requirement. For this reason, we consider the current wording in Annex IV sufficient, and no amendment to Annex IV or Annex I is planned. The requirement remains focused on ensuring availability of essential operational spare parts within the defined timeframe. Not having a spare parts warehouse in the EU would not be acceptable.	2025-11-20
7	Criterion 5	Evidence of EU service/maintenance center? Can you please elaborate what evidence is expected?	2025-11-14	By "Evidence of EU service/maintenance center" we mean a simple, verifiable confirmation that the Tenderer has an operational service or maintenance facility located within the EU. Acceptable evidence may include one of the following: - A short statement confirming the location and function of the service/maintenance center; - A registration extract or company/legal document showing the EU address; - A brief description of the facility (address, scope of activities, staffing); - A reference to an existing service center used for other EU projects. No specific format is required; it only needs to clearly confirm that such a center exists and operates within the EU.	2025-11-20
8	Criterion 6	Supply chain policy confirmation? Can you please elaborate what confirmation is expected?	2025-11-14	By "Supply chain policy confirmation" we expect a simple written confirmation that the Tenderer has an internal supply-chain policy in place covering responsible sourcing, compliance with EU environmental and social standards, and exclusion of forced labour and high-risk suppliers. Acceptable evidence may include one of the following: - A short statement confirming that such a policy exists and is applied; - A copy or extract of the company's supply chain / sustainability / responsible sourcing policy; - A brief description of relevant procedures (e.g., supplier screening, audits). No specific format is required; it only needs to confirm that a documented policy exists.	2025-11-20
9	Criterion 3.	It is requested to provide 5 projects completed in last 5 years which are >100 MW each and located in EU/EEA. Unfortunately, we are struggling to fulfil it – we have more than 2000 wind turbines installed in that period but big part of projects consisting of less than 100 MW each. Here what would help us to fulfill the requirement: -Reducing the threshold to 80 MW, or -Taking into account countries outside EU/EEA, or -Taking into account older projects, i.e. completed in last 10 years	2025-11-14	To ensure a comprehensive assessment of tenderers' experience, projects completed in the last 10 years may be taken into account., while all other requirements, including the ≥100 MW threshold and EU/EEA location, remain unchanged.	2025-11-20
10	Criterion 5.	Turbine model to be offered for Lode is new and currently does not have type certification in place. It is scheduled to be issued (date) and we have TUV confirmation letter on the timeline.	2025-11-14	A statement on the expected timeline of the type certification explaining this would be sufficient. What is important here is that the type certificate is provided at the time of commissioning.	2025-11-20
11	Criterion 5.	Spare parts availability of < 14 days is very broad definition, for sure we have the main and most common spare parts available in local warehouses but to apply this to ALL (each and every part) makes huge difference. Can we provide list of spare parts from the recent turbine models as a reference for this requirement ? Major components excluded for sure.	2025-11-14	Perhaps we should have defined spare parts on our side – what we meant here was all minor yet essential components which could be fitted and replaced without heavy lifting equipment, e.g. cranes, in the course of ordinary service activities. Not having a spare parts warehouse in the EU would not be acceptable.	2025-11-20
12	Criterion 5.	Grid code compliance statement is also very broad as at this point we haven't seen the project-specific connection conditions, single line diagrams etc. We can give this with a direct reference to the article of currently active grid code in Latvia (Annex 7 Network Connection Requirements for the Power-generating Modules [2 March 2023] from "Network Code in the Electricity Sector" Decision No. 1/4 of the Public Utilities Commission 26 June 2013).	2025-11-14	Yes, it is exactly what we had in mind from our side. The regulation you mentioned is the key reference document upon which our TSO carries out grid test procedures. While we do not expect the turbine manufacturer to be contractually responsible for the grid tests, a statement on compliance to RfG and its national derivative to the extent turbines are expected meet the essential requirements listed there is mandatory.	2025-11-20
13	Criterion 6.	Required to sign of on a statement "The offered equipment and services comply with the applicable EU environmental and social standards". Can you please clarify what exact standards are referenced here ? Its hard to sign off on something that broad, our department asks to specify it further.	2025-11-14	The requirement refers to compliance with the applicable EU environmental and social legislation. It is a confirmation of legal compliance, not additional standards.	2025-11-20
14	General	Is Utilitas able to confirm if a documentation is valid if tenderer shares it in advance to the submission?	2025-11-18	In this CEF-funded procurement, we can only review and accept documents that are officially submitted by your company before the deadline. Any materials shared informally or in advance cannot be checked or confirmed by us.	2025-11-20
15	General	Tenderer understands the tender qualification is to be seen as responded by local subsidiary . there will be however some questions that are applicable to parent group (e.g. Criterion 3, 4, 5, 6). Is this acceptable?	2025-11-18	Yes, that is acceptable. We understand that the tender qualification is submitted by local subsidiary , and that certain questions (e.g., Criteria 3, 4, 5, 6) may be answered based on information from parent group .	2025-11-20
16	Criterion 2	What does "key subcontractors" refer to in criterion 2? Is this in reference to "direct" subcontractors? If so can tenderer adapt the Annex III to reference "direct" instead of "key"?	2025-11-18	In this context, "key subcontractors" refers to direct subcontractors who will provide essential parts of the turbine supply or services. You may therefore interpret this requirement as applying to your direct subcontractors. Annex III can be completed accordingly.	2025-11-20
17	Criterion 2	How (in what format) does Utilitas envision tenderer provide a "evidence of sanctions list check"?	2025-11-18	The "evidence of sanctions list check" is optional and can be provided in any simple and verifiable format, such as a short statement or screenshot confirming that your company and direct subcontractors were checked against the current EU sanctions lists (e.g., EU Consolidated Financial Sanctions List). No specific template is required.	2025-11-20
18	Criterion 3	Can Utilitas please provide an example of what "role" refers to in criterion 3 under "documents to be submitted" in bulletpoint " List of reference", in particular when compared to "scope"?	2025-11-18	In this context, "role" refers to your company's responsibility in the project (e.g., turbine supplier, EPC contractor, installation contractor, commissioning lead), while "scope" describes the actual works delivered (e.g., supply of X turbines, installation, commissioning, grid connection works, etc.).	2025-11-20
19	Criterion 3	In what format (or type) of certificate of performance does Utilitas want to see? Would a TOC certificate be satisfactory? (tenderer can also provide contact references of the clients of these projects if permission is granted)	2025-11-18	Certificates of satisfactory execution can be provided in any formal format issued by the client, including a TOC certificate, if available. Providing contact references for verification is also acceptable, subject to client permission.	2025-11-20
20	Criterion 5	What does Utilitas refer to when mentioning "spare-parts" in critition 5? Is this minor spare parts or main components spare parts such as e.g. blade bearings, main bearings, etc. Can this be clarified in the Annex IV?	2025-11-18	What we meant here was all minor yet essential components which could be fitted and replaced without heavy lifting equipment, e.g. cranes, in the course of ordinary service activities. Not having a spare parts warehouse in the EU would not be acceptable..	2025-11-20
21	Criterion 5	Compliance with national grid code is dependent on the full power plant, tenderer can provide a grid code compliance statement that indicates the extent to which the WTGs are compliant and thus providing Utilitas a clear view on what is required to make the plant full compliant. Would it be possible toammend Annex IV to bring further nuance to the statement ?	2025-11-18	While we do not intend to amend Annex IV, you may provide a Grid Code compliance statement indicating the extent to which the turbines comply with the Latvian grid code (Tikla kodekss elektroenerģijas nozarē, Sabiedrisko pakalpojumu regulēšanas komisijas padomes lēmums Nr.1/4, dated 23/06/2013 and subsequent amendments, and Annex 7 in particular: https://likumi.lv/ta/id/257943-tikla-kodekss-elektroenerģijas-nozare) and the RfG requirements. A statement covering the essential requirements expected from the turbines is mandatory.	2025-11-20
22	Criterion 6	In respect of the statement of compliance with EU environmental and social standards - tenderer understands this is in respect of law? Is this the case, and if so can we adapt the wording or can Utilitas confirm it is in relation to law in the response? Thank you.	2025-11-19	Yes, the requirement refers to compliance with the applicable EU environmental and social legislation. It is a confirmation of legal compliance, not additional standards.	2025-11-20
23	Criterion 1	Which EU funding rules and exclusion criteria are applicable to the statement being requested to be signed? Can Utilitas please clarify this in the response, thank you.	2025-11-19	The procurement is financed under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). Therefore, the applicable eligibility and exclusion rules are those set out in: CEF Regulation (EU) 2021/1153, and the EU Financial Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (Articles 136–141). These rules define the standard EU exclusion grounds (e.g., bankruptcy, fraud, corruption, unpaid taxes/social contributions, conflicts of interest, EU restrictive measures, grave professional misconduct, etc.). Compliance at this stage is demonstrated through the signed Eligibility & Compliance Statement; no additional documents are required unless requested later.	2025-11-20

24	TS Annex 1.6.2_en	What exactly is required under 1 & 2 here ? This is not clear to us; •What does the abbreviation UAV mean? •2/3 must be marked "in white" ? which RAL is it?, •What needs to be done with the other 1/3 of mentioned components and/or •Is there any expectation on different colors on rotor blades, nacelle and support mast (tower)?	2025-11-19	<i>What does the abbreviation UAV mean?</i> This was a translation error; UAV should be read as WTG (Wind Turbine Generator). All references will be corrected in the technical specifications provided for 2nd stage. <i>2/3 must be marked "in white"? Which RAL is it?</i> As per Annex 1.6.1, the color for these components is RAL 7035. <i>What needs to be done with the other 1/3 of components?</i> Please follow the instructions in Annex 1.6.1. <i>Is there any expectation on different colors on rotor blades, nacelle, and tower?</i> See Annex 1.6.1 for all color requirements; no additional differentiation is required beyond what is specified.	2025-11-20
25	Criterion 1 , Annex II	In order to comply to the requirements, we actually need more information about the applicable EU funding rules. Could you, please, provide?	2025-11-19	The procurement is financed under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). Therefore, the applicable eligibility and exclusion rules are those set out in: CEF Regulation (EU) 2021/1153, and the EU Financial Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (Articles 136–141). These rules define the standard EU exclusion grounds (e.g., bankruptcy, fraud, corruption, unpaid taxes/social contributions, conflicts of interest, EU restrictive measures, grave professional misconduct, etc.). Compliance at this stage is demonstrated through the signed Eligibility & Compliance Statement; no additional documents are required unless requested later.	2025-11-20
26	Annexes	Applicant is now preparing to sign the annexes, and wanted to understand if it is acceptable to sign the documents electronically through DocuSign or if a wet-ink signature is needed.	2025-11-24	Please note that, under Latvian and EU eIDAS requirements, documents of this type must be signed with a qualified electronic signature (QES) in order to have full legal validity. While DocuSign can technically support QES, this functionality is not included by default in standard DocuSign accounts and may require additional services or integrations. To avoid any uncertainty, we kindly ask you to use a QES solution that is already widely recognized and compliant in Latvia, such as Dokobit (or another EU-trusted QES provider). Wet-ink signatures are not required if the documents are signed with a qualified electronic signature.	2025-11-24
27	General	Even with having received early documentation in advance, we will not be able to be ready for binding offer submission, clarifications, negotiations on mentioned dates. A more realistic schedule we suggest is: Binding offer submission is 27-02-2026. Please, consider this proposed submission date and provide us feedback.	2025-11-26	At this stage, we are not able to confirm any revisions to the schedule. We will first review and evaluate the submissions received in the first stage, and only thereafter will we be able to consider and decide on any potential changes to the timeline for the binding offer phase. We will keep you informed accordingly once the first-stage evaluation is completed.	2025-11-26
28	TS ANNEX_1.5_Lidar_data	Our experts have been looking into Lode data documentation and the latest wind data that has been provided to SGRE. There is an issue with the wind data. There is only 10.5 months of data; the first 1.5 months of the measurement were not set correctly.	2025-11-26	Thank you for pointing out the changes in data formats that indeed occurred at that time. The fault is in the CSV data format - for the first period it was generated in "Horizontal mode" and then switched. This was due to unintended setting being switched on after a firmware update in Lidar. You can extract the needed values from original source files in ZPH format using ZX lidars software. The data source offers both CSV and ZPH files and you can use the software shared in the same folder "Lode_Turbines_TS_1.0\ANNEX_1.5_Lidar_data\03 data\software" to convert ZPH to CSV. TS_1.0\ANNEX_1.5_Lidar_data\03 data\Fixed data updated	2025-11-28