**RSRSSB2757 - T1161 Improvements to pantograph collector strips maintenance and to Automatic Dropping Device**

Tender Questions & Answer Document

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| **Supplier Question 1**  Because of Christmas and extended pre-booked holidays, and in one case having a hospital stay for a minor operation, has resulted in a number of key personnel not being available for the critical period of the bid preparation.  It is therefore requested that the ‘Deadline for submitting tenders’ be extended until the 01st Feb 2019 so that a bid can be submitted. |
| **RSSB Answer 1**  The tender submission change request is accepted. The revised tender deadline date is 1st February 2019. |
| **Supplier Question 2**  Section 4 of the ‘Specification for research project’ states ‘To develop an agreed scale and description for the wear of the pantograph carbon collector strip’. What is meant by the ‘agreed scale and description. |
| **RSSB Answer 2**  This question will be addressed fully in the new year. |
| **Supplier Question 3**  With regard to Selection Criteria S1 *‘Supplier’s organisational experience in pantograph systems’* within the ITT.  Please can RSSB clarify if this can be experience gained by employment at another organisation? |
| **RSSB Answer 3**  The experience of individuals, gained working in other organisations will be considered relevant for answering this question. However where this approach is being used the response must satisfy the following criteria:   * + - Experience has to have come from individuals involved in the proposed project team     - The individual has to have been involved in the activities referenced in the experience |
| **Supplier Question 4**  Section 4 of the ‘Specification for research project’ states ‘To develop an agreed scale and description for the wear of the pantograph carbon collector strip’. What is meant by the ‘agreed scale and description. |
| **RSSB Answer 4**  This objective pertains to developing an agreed industry position on the different wear levels (a scale from lowest to highest) coupled with a description for each respective level of wear (i.e. how to identify and categorise this specific wear level and also which levels are acceptable and allow for safe and reliable operating conditions). |
| **Supplier Question 5**  With regard to Selection Criteria S1 *‘Supplier’s organisational experience in pantograph systems’* within the ITT.  Please can RSSB clarify if this can be experience gained by employment at another organisation |
| **RSSB Answer 5**  The experience of individuals, gained working in other organisations will be considered relevant for answering this question. However where this approach is being used the response must satisfy the following criteria:   * + - Experience has to have come from individuals involved in the proposed project team     - The individual has to have been involved in the activities referenced in the experience |
| **RSSB Clarification**  **“**Section 4 of the ‘Specification for research project’ states ‘To develop an agreed scale and description for the wear of the pantograph carbon collector strip’. What is meant by the ‘agreed scale and description.”  RSSB:  This objective pertains to developing an agreed industry position on the different wear levels (a scale from lowest to highest) coupled with a description for each respective level of wear (i.e. how to identify and categorise this specific wear level, and also which levels are acceptable and allow for safe and reliable operating conditions). |