On 16 June 2016 the interested supplier “….” submitted its questions with regard to the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42).

**Question**: Does an in-depth corporate finance, tax and legal examination of a company (i.e. due diligence) prove the experience in “evaluation of a company” mentioned in the Paragraphs 7.4.2.1.4 and 7.4.2.2.2 of the Regulation? Please explain in detail what is meant by “evaluation of a company” in the above mentioned Paragraphs of the Regulation?

**Answer**: No, in-depth corporate finance, tax and legal examination of a company does not prove the experience in “evaluation of a company” referred to in Paragraphs 7.4.2.1.4 and 7.4.2.2.2 of the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42).

By the term “evaluation” one shall understand the determination of the market price of the company in line with property valuation standards and methods acknowledged (approved/adopted and registered) in Latvia in the procedure stipulated in the Law on Standardisation.

**Question**: Does the remark mentioned in the footnote of the Paragraph 7.4.2.2.3. of the Regulation “qualification requirements regarding the experience of financial experts referred to in Paragraphs 7.4.2.2.2 and 7.4.2.2.3 refer to both specialists” accept the following situation: For example, one financial expert has the experience of 1 (one) project mentioned in Paragraph 7.4.2.2.2 and another financial expert has the experience of 3 (three) more projects mentioned in Paragraph 7.4.2.2.2 and the entire experience mentioned in Paragraph 7.4.2.2.3.

**Answer**: Yes, qualification requirements mentioned in Paragraphs 7.4.2.2.2. and 7.4.2.2.3. of the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42) refer to both specialists taken together.

**Question**: Does the remark mentioned in the footnote of the Paragraph 7.4.2.3.3 of the Regulation “qualification requirements regarding the experience of experts referred to in Paragraphs 7.4.2.3.2 and 7.4.2.3.3 refer to both specialists” accepts the following situation: For example, one expert has the experience of 1 (one) project mentioned in Paragraph 7.4.2.3.2 and another expert has the experience of 2 (two) more projects mentioned in Paragraph 7.4.2.3.2 and the entire experience mentioned in Paragraph 7.4.2.3.3.

**Answer:** Yes, qualification requirements mentioned in Paragraphs 7.4.2.2.2. and 7.4.2.2.3. of the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42) refer to both specialists taken together.

**Question**: Question regarding Paragraph 7.4.1 of the Regulation – does the experience of “at least 5 (five) equivalent contracts” need to cover all the experience mentioned in Paragraphs 7.4.1.1 – 7.4.1.3 of the Regulation or is it enough that only one or two of these Paragraphs are covered by these 5 (five) equivalent contracts?

**Answer:** Paragraph 7.4.1. of the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42) stipulates that as equivalent contracts shall be considered contracts in the framework of which the assignments referred to in Paragraphs 7.4.1.1.- 7.4.1.3. have been executed not only in total but also separately. It means that five equivalent contracts might be for only one or several assignments mentioned in Paragraphs 7.4.1.1. – 7.4.1.3.

**Question**: Question regarding the Paragraphs 7.4.2.1.1, 7.4.2.2.1 and 7.4.2.3.1 of the Regulation –does “academic education” (obtained in Latvia) mean Bachelor’s Degree?

**Answer:** Pursuant to the Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No.990 “Regulations on the Classification of Latvia Education”, dd. 2 December 2008, Bachelor’s Degree is academic higher education or second level professional higher education depending on the subject area of education.

**Question**: Please, explain in more detail what science sub-groups are included in the science group “social sciences” mentioned in Paragraphs 7.4.2.1.1, 7.4.2.2.1 and 7.4.2.3.1 of the Regulation? Is physics included in “social sciences”?

**Answer:** Subject areas of education and groups of education programmes have been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No.990 “Regulations on the Classification of Latvia Education”, dd. 2 December 2008 (Annex 2). The said regulations are available at <http://likumi.lv/ta/id/184810-noteikumi-par-latvijas-izglitibas-klasifikaciju#piel2&pd=1>. As per the referred Cabinet of Ministers regulations, physics is not included in the subject area of education “Social sciences, commercial sciences and law”.