

To all tenderers and interested parties  
In Bratislava, date: 04.04.2024

SUBJECT:

**Announcement of the extension of the period of binding status of the offer**

In connection with the public procurement procedure for the subject of the contract: Digitisation of the fleet, collection planning system and electronic registration and confirmation of tipping, the notice of the public procurement procedure was published in the Official Journal of the European Union under No 2023/S 141-450711 of 25.07.2023 and in the Public Procurement Bulletin No. 146/2023 of 26.07.2023 under No. 24732 - MSS, we hereby inform you that the contracting authority, in accordance with Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendments and Additions to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Public Procurement Act"), has extended the period of binding status of the offers.

The original period for the offers to be binding, set out in the notice of the public procurement procedure, was set at 6 months.

**In accordance with §46 of the Public Procurement Act, the contracting authority hereby extends the period of time for the offers to be binding to 9 months (i.e. until 04.07.2024).**

**Justification for the extension of the period for which offers are to be binding:**

Within the process of the public procurement in question, the Office for Public Procurement of the Slovak Republic initiated a procedure for review of the former decision of the Office (based on the notice of initiation of this procedure dated 19.02.2024). As of the current date (04.04.2024) this procedure is not completed.

Simultaneously with the notice of initiation of this procedure, the Office issued a decision by which it suspended the proceedings of the contracting authority in relation to the acts of establishing the contract and in relation to the acts of cancellation of the procurement procedure. Accordingly, the contracting authority cannot proceed with the establishment of contract on the basis of the public procurement procedure in question in view of the ongoing procedure.

The contracting authority is of the opinion that, for the reasons set out above, an extension of the period during which the offers are binding is necessary, as not doing so would defeat the original purpose for which the guarantee was required in the context of the public procurement in question.

**Notice:**

On 04.04.2024, the contracting authority received written instruction from the Public Procurement Office, according to which it is not possible for technical reasons to modify the period of the binding nature of the tenders by correcting the original public procurement notice. In accordance with this instruction, the contracting authority will inform the tenderers and interested parties of the change of the period within which the offers are to be binding and will publish this notice of the extension of the period within which the offers are to be binding on the contracting authority's profile.