

NOTIFICATION OF THE START OF PREPARATORY MARKET CONSULTATIONS and the preliminary involvement of candidates in the planned above-threshold contract entitled: "Chemical Spreading Material Supply" in accordance with Sect. 25 Act 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on the amendment to certain laws as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Public Procurement Act")

1. Identification of the Contracting Authority

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2. Subject of the contract:

The subject of the contract is the supply of goods - chemical spreading material with a de-icing effect of up to -6 °C and solid magnesium chloride for providing motorway and expressway winter maintenance, including delivery to the destinations, i.e. to the particular management and maintenance motorway centers and management and maintenance expressway centers.

3. Identification of the subject of procurement according to CPV codes:

Main CPV code:
34927100-2 Road salt

4. Purpose of the preparatory market consultations and preliminary involvement of candidates

Národná diaľničná spoločnosť, a.s. (hereinafter referred to as "NDS"), as a Contracting Authority, is holding preparatory market consultations pursuant to Sect. 25 Public Procurement Act for the aforementioned planned subject of the contract.

The purpose of the preparatory market consultations and preliminary involvement of candidates (hereinafter referred to as "PMC") is as follows:

- a request for advice from market participants (hereinafter referred to as the "supplier"), which could be used for the planning or implementation of the public procurement procedure for chemical spreading material supply,
- obtaining advice/expert opinion from suppliers on the specification, scope, properties and conditions of the chemical spreading material supply as a basis for setting requirements for the subject of the relevant public procurement contract,
- making suppliers familiar with the proposed indexation mechanism and the conditions for its application.

Participation in the PMC is voluntary and the candidate can freely decide whether to take/not take the opportunity to participate in the PMC. A candidate participating in the PMC must be aware of the legal regulation of PMC, in particular the consequences resulting from the economic entity's participation in the PMC with regard to Sect. 25 and Section 40 par. 7 Public Procurement Act. Economic entities participating in the PMC may participate in the public procurement being prepared and submit a tender.

4.1 The preparatory market consultations will be held **exclusively through the JOSEPHINE electronic system**, and the candidates may participate in the preparatory market consultations by sending the completed questionnaire, which must be sent via the JOSEPHINE system: <https://josephine.proebiz.com/sk/tender/28151/summary> no later than on **26/07/2022 by 12:00 p.m.**

4.2 All supporting documents for the preparatory market consultations are available:
a) in the profile of the Contracting Authority located on the website of the Public Procurement Office:
<https://www.uvo.gov.sk/profily/-/profil/pzakazky/9127>, or
b) in the communication interface of the JOSEPHINE system on the following link:
<https://josephine.proebiz.com/sk/tender/28151/summary>

4.3 The goal of the PMC is to answer in writing at least the scope of the questions stated in the questionnaire, which will be published according to Sect. 4.2 in the PPO portal as well as in JOSEPHINE. The Contracting Authority expects the PMC participants to participate and submit proposals, comments and recommendations in connection with the planned public procurement.

4.4 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to hold the PMC in several consecutive stages, if it is appropriate and necessary based on the circumstances and the scope of the PMC.

4.5 The answers to the questions of the questionnaire available and published in accordance with Sect. 4.1 and 4.2 shall be submitted in the Slovak language; the Contracting Authority will also accept the answers in the Czech language (if any).

5. Course of the preparatory market consultations

5.1 The preparatory market consultations will be held **exclusively electronically, through the JOSEPHINE system**: <https://josephine.proebiz.com/sk/tender/28151/summary>, in the form of sending the questionnaire in accordance with Sect. 4. The deadline for the delivery of the questionnaire with completed questions for the PMC is **26/07/2022 by 12:00 p.m.**

5.2 Having received all the answers from the PMC participants, the Contracting Authority will use the submitted answers for preparing the public procurement for the subject of the contract: *“Chemical Spreading Material Supply”*

- 5.3 The candidates shall send their questions, suggestions or comments exclusively electronically, through the JOSEPHINE system: <https://josephine.proebiz.com/sk/tender/28151/summary>.
- 5.4 The Contracting Authority will evaluate the information and knowledge obtained from the PMC and then specify the description of the subject of the contract.
- 5.5 The Contracting Authority will take appropriate measures to ensure the protection of confidential information that may be provided within the PMC. The economic entity shall mark the information which it considers confidential and which requires appropriate handling.
- 5.6 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to modify the information regarding the course and content of the PMC at any time during the course thereof. The Contracting Authority will inform about any changes well in advance.

6. Documents on the course of the PMC

All information about the PMC subject can be found:

- a) in the profile of the Contracting Authority located on the website of the Public Procurement Office: <https://www.uvo.gov.sk/profily/-/profil/pzakazky/9127>, or
- b) in the communication interface of the JOSEPHINE system on the following link: <https://josephine.proebiz.com/sk/tender/28151/summary>

7. Costs associated with the PMC

Any costs and expenses associated with the participation in the PMC shall be borne by the PMC participant without any financial claims against the Contracting Authority.

8. Additional information

This document contains information that is preliminary/indicative in nature and may be subject to change. For this reason, the information provided herein cannot be considered as (i) a description of the subject of the public procurement contract, (ii) tender specifications for the purposes of submitting a tender.