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## **Preliminary Market Consultation to Elaborate Feasibility Study for Railway Junction Praha**

Správa železniční dopravní cesty (SZDC) considers infrastructure modernization together with development of its conventional railway network as well as Rapid Service (RS) as one of its top priorities. Due to the current state of the railway junction Praha (RJP) and the need of verifying its possible development for purposes of handling prospective transport demand both in passenger and in freight transport, SZDC prepares a tender Feasibility study for RJP including RS which will also include a preliminary market consultation planned for 8 October 2019.

The objective of the preliminary market consultation is to discuss in advance the setting of the public tender's contractual conditions with the suppliers' representatives so that they correspond at best to current market conditions, the suppliers' possibilities and at the same time the needs of SZDC.

The preliminary market consultation will be focused on qualification prerequisites in the field of the suppliers' experience and the expert research team, the extent and estimated value of the tender as well as the method for its evaluation. SZDC considers using the Best Value Approach/Best Value Procurement foreign evaluation method which prioritizes supply quality and does not use the lowest bidding price as the decisive evaluating criterion.

In order to assure a vast basis of suppliers, SZDC addressed in cooperation with the Association for Infrastructure Development two dozens of engineer's offices both in the Czech Republic and abroad and published its intent to carry out a preliminary market consultation on the website [www.ceskainfrastruktura.cz/akce/ari-predbezna-trzni-konzultace-studie-proveditelnosti-zup/](http://www.ceskainfrastruktura.cz/akce/ari-predbezna-trzni-konzultace-studie-proveditelnosti-zup/) to assure transparency and a non-discriminatory approach. The preliminary market consultation is thus open to a wide group of more participants who can be interested in and are able to demonstrate relevant experience in the given field at least in a minimal extent.

The preliminary market consultation will take place on 8 October from 9.00 a.m. at the SZDC Headquarters. For the time being it is planned as single-round with a possible reservation of organizing more rounds if it may be necessary or appropriate.

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