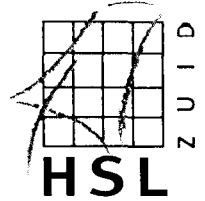


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Subject

Developments in the tender process



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Dear Mr. Overbeek,

I herewith would like to inform you about the recent progress in the tender of the HSL-Zuid Transport contracts.

Qualification Document and procedure

Some of the Registered Parties have asked questions regarding the Qualification Document. We have enclosed the relevant questions and answers to this fax message.

Furthermore there were some parties who expressed their concern about meeting the deadline for Qualification. We have decided to extend the period in which the Request for Qualification must be submitted:

- sections A, B and C1, C2, C3 have to reach us before 15.00 hours (local time) on Friday September 15th;
- sections C4, D and E may be sent in later, but must ultimately be received on Monday October 2nd, 10.00 (local time) at the latest.

SNCF

SNCF will not bid, either directly or indirectly, but will come to an agreement with the State for the Amsterdam – Paris service. The State will provide tenderers with the details of this agreement in the Invitation to Tender.

Should you have any questions regarding these developments, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also like to offer you the opportunity to meet with members of our team in the second week of September (Monday 4th – Friday 8th) to discuss any last minute questions or problems in completing the Request for Qualification. Please let us know if and when you would like to talk to us, so that we can set up a meeting.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeroen Kok'.

Jeroen Kok

Project Manager HSL-Zuid Transport

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