

Request for Information

(RFI)

Request for information regarding academic opportunities

For the certification of Israel Railways' engineers abroad

February – 2019

Request for Information (“RFI”)

Request for information regarding academic opportunities

For the certification of Israel Railways' engineers abroad

1. Introduction

Israel Railways Ltd. (“ISR”) hereby requests information regarding academic institutions overseas that offer a variety of courses in one of the many areas, as specified bellow.

ISR seeks such information from academic and professional institutions and/or companies as generally defined in Appendix A attached hereto (the “Technical Attachment”) and as further described below.

2. Objective of RFI

The objective of this RFI is to attain information and guidance in order to promote and maintain one of ISR's fundamental goals and principles – a high level of safety and security for its personnel and passengers on all of its railway sites.

The following RFI is not to be considered in any way a request for proposals or as a tender. Nor do the provisions of either the *Israeli Mandatory Tenders Law 5752-1992*, nor the Government Procurement Agreement shall apply hereto.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, as a result of this RFI, ISR reserves its right at ISR's sole and absolute consideration, to approach one or more of the

Respondents to this RFI and/or to any other party, in order to obtain additional information.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, as a result of this RFI, ISR reserves its right, at ISR's sole and absolute consideration, to conduct an additional procedure, *inter alia*, tender procedure, and may use, at its sole consideration, any of the information provided in this RFI.

This RFI shall not, under any circumstance, constitute any commitment on ISR's part to negotiate with any or all interested parties, nor to enter into any agreement for the assistance and/or design of the Stations.

3. Response

The Respondent is invited to submit to ISR data and any technical and commercial information regarding the project. The information should be delivered in accordance with the Technical Requirements specified in Appendix A and by filling out the tables provided in Appendix B.

4. Language of Response

Responses shall be in English or in Hebrew only.

5. Submission of a Response

Responses are to be submitted in writing and/or by email Netanelk2@rail.co.il, to the attention of Mr. Netanel Kimchi, no later than **April 8, 2019**, at the following address:

ISRAEL RAILWAYS LTD - Procurement and Contracting Division

Yoseftal 1, Lod

7136801, ISRAEL

6. Additional Information

Should Respondent require clarifications relating to this RFI, or if any questions arise with respect thereto, respondent may contact, in writing only, Mr.

Netanel Kimchi – Coordinator of International Procurement and Contracting,
via e-mail: Netanelk2@rail.co.il .

ISR reserves the right at its sole discretion to decide whether or not to respond to any of the inquiries.

7. General

- i. This RFI shall not be construed under any circumstances as a pre-requisite or pre-qualification procedure.
- ii. This RFI is merely for the purpose of obtaining any relevant information for consideration purposes only, and ISR shall not be construed as having taken any commitment to enter in a contractual relationship, nor to publish any tenders or any other further procedure.
- iii. ISR may, as a result of this RFI, approach, at its sole discretion, one or more of the Respondents and/or any other party, in order to obtain additional information, commercial proposals and/or to conduct negotiations with respect to the technical and/or commercial terms, and enter into a contractual relationship with one and/or more Respondents or any other party it finds suitable to conduct any other procedure it deems necessary.
- iv. It is hereby clarified that ISR shall not be obligated to engage in any contract on the basis of this RFI and that any information presented and/or submitted to ISR through this RFI is provided voluntarily. ISR shall not be charged in any manner for the submission of information in accordance with this procedure and every Respondent shall bear its own costs with respect to this RFI.
- v. Moreover, to preclude any doubt, it is emphasized that ISR shall have the right to reject, in whole or in part, any opinion, conclusion or information delivered to it through this RFI. ISR shall also have the right to use the information presented and/or submitted to it for the purpose of planning and preparing a tender or any other procedure, should ISR decide to implement one.

- vi. ISR may at its sole discretion, request from any of the Respondents, additional information, details, approvals, recommendations and/or certificates, as required by ISR.
- vii. ISR may ignore any Response which lacks information or has unclear details.
- viii. ISR shall not be bound to accept and/or consider any Response and it does not undertake herein any commitment whatsoever towards any of the interested parties.
- ix. ISR reserves the right, at any time and at its sole discretion, to amend this RFI or any aspect thereof, as well as to extend the date for submittal of the Responses. In addition, ISR reserves the right to cancel this RFI in its entirety at its sole discretion, without providing the Respondent(s) any (or no) reason or explanation.
- x. This RFI process is undertaken by ISR for the purpose of receiving data and information, and it does not create any obligation on ISR's part to commence, continue or complete any purchase procedure and/or to act in any other method of acquisition, and ISR shall act at its sole and absolute discretion in this respect.
- xi. ISR reserves the right to accept, in future stages, information and/or any commercial proposals from entities which did not participate in this RFI process, as ISR shall deem fit.
- xii. ISR reserves the right, as a result of this RFI, at its sole consideration to conduct an additional procedure, including, inter alia, tender procedure, and may use, at its sole consideration, any of the information provided in this RFI.

Annex A

Request for information regarding academic opportunities

For the certification of Israel Railways' engineers abroad

A. Background:

One of Israel Railways' ("ISR") goals is to enhance our employees' capabilities and to enrich their skill sets in their respected fields. To date, and to the best of ISR's knowledge there are no professional academic programs offered that will certify ISR engineers.

ISR is interested in receiving information regarding any program offered in English on the market today and which can accommodate the schedule of those same individuals who work throughout the day, in such a manner that they would be able to work throughout the day and join the program in the evenings.

Furthermore, ISR is interested in receiving information regarding the areas listed below that are offered both abroad that ISR employees can join as well as programs offered in Israel.

B. Areas of interest for academic certification:

The following is a conducted list of the areas which ISR is interested in pertaining information about their existence, and the ability to have ISR employees join, either abroad or locally in Israel.

1. Request to receive the curriculum for a training course to certify Mechanical Engineers to be Rolling Stock Train Engineers
2. Request to receive the curriculum for a training course to certify electrical engineers to be Rolling Stock train electrical engineers.
3. Request to receive the curriculum of a training course to certify Electrical and Electronics Engineers to be Automotive Signal Engineers.

C. Proposal requirements:

1. The entire course syllabus, the subjects which are taught throughout the course and the contents to be taught as part of every subject matter.
2. The length of the course for certification.
3. The location where the course is offered.
4. With regards to the location of the course, can the course be offered or is it already offered in Israel?
5. The number of participants in the course, what is the maximum number of participants in the course.
6. Can the participants join an already existing and ongoing course, or must the participant join a new course? How many students are needed in order to operate a course.
7. Estimates for training certification (the estimated cost for the training itself + estimated costs if there are any for the course).
8. What kind of certification do the participants receive at the end of the course?
9. List the names of the companies that use their services to certify their employees.

Appendix B

RFI Concerning the academic opportunities
For the certification of Israel Railways' engineers abroad

Respondents are requested to fill in the following questionnaire.

Table I: General Information Concerning the Respondent

| | | | |
|--|--|---------|--|
| Name of Respondent | | | |
| Respondent Address | | | |
| Respondent Contact Person | | | |
| Contact's person Telephone No. | | E-Mail: | |
| Respondent General Profile | | | |
| Respondent Professional Certifications (Such as ISO 9001:2008/2015, IRIS, etc.) | | | |
| Respondent owner, main customers and main fields of expertise. | | | |

Information Concerning Past experience

Please specify respondent's past experience in conducting courses for the **certification of Railway engineers.**

Please specify for each Solution, the following information:

Customer No. []:

| | | | |
|--|--|---------|--|
| Name of Customer: | | | |
| Address of Customer: | | | |
| Customer's Contact person (name, title): | | | |
| Contact's person Telephone No. | | E-Mail: | |

| | |
|--|--|
| Quantity and Type of course supplied to the customer | |
| Supplied course description: | |

- Please duplicate this table for use with each different customer

Information Concerning the Proposed Course/s

Please specify respondent's past experience in development of courses for the certification of Railways engineers. Please specify for each Solution, the following information:

The supplied Solution includes:

Information concerning the Course/s

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>Please submit any relevant technical information in regards to the proposed course/s</p> | |
|--|--|

Information concerning the cost of the Course/s

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>Please specify All relevant Information regarding the cost of the course/s (the course's estimated Price, length, etc.)</p> | |
|---|--|