On 14 June 2016 the interested supplier “….” submitted its questions with regard to the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42).

**Question**: Please explain how justified are requirements regarding the education and area of qualification as set out in Paragraphs 7.4.2.1.1., 7.4.2.2.1. and 7.4.2.3.1. of the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure. We would like to specify the reason why, for instance, Masters’ degree in Engineering with specialisation in telecommunication science could not serve as an evidence regarding the expert’s qualification and understanding on the subject of procurement.

**Answer:** Pursuant to the Regulation on Candidate Selection of Restricted Procedure for the Development of State Strategy for Operations with the Shares of the Limited Liability Company “Lattelecom” and the Limited Liability Company “Latvijas Mobilais Telefons” (PA/2016/42) the Commissioning Authority has defined the following education requirements for specialists:

1) For specialists indicated in Paragraph 7.4.2.1.1. – academic education or second level professional higher education in social sciences, commercial sciences or law, or an equivalent education obtained abroad;

2) For specialists indicated in Paragraph 7.4.2.2.1. – academic higher or second level professional higher education in social sciences or commercial sciences or an equivalent education obtained abroad;

3) For specialists indicated in Paragraph 7.4.2.3.1. – academic higher or second level professional higher education in social sciences, law or an equivalent education obtained abroad.

These requirements have been defined by the Commissioning Authority taking into account the subject areas of education and groups of education programmes set out in Annex 2 to the Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 990 “Regulations on the Classification of Latvia Education”, dd. 2 December 2008. Based on the referred Cabinet of Ministers Regulations, engineering science is included in another subject group of education and cannot be referenced to the subject group of education “Social sciences, commercial sciences and law”. Namely, the subject group of education “Engineering sciences, manufacturing and construction” covers education areas in engineering sciences and technologies, manufacturing and processing and architecture and construction which essentially cannot be referenced to the requirements set out for education attained in social sciences, commercial sciences or law.