



INITIAL CONFERENCE
TENDER FOR THE IMPLEMENTER OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC'S PAVILION AT THE UNIVERSAL
WORLD EXPOSITION, EXPO MILANO 2015

24 OCTOBER 2013

Premise:

1. The Initial Conference took place in accordance with the Act on Public Contracts and provided candidates for participation in the tender for the implementer of the Czech Republic's pavilion at the Universal World Exposition, EXPO Milano 2015, with the opportunity to consult any questions concerning the requirements of the CGO (Commissioner General's Office) and exposition partners, or to clarify the concept of the participation of the Czech Republic in EXPO Milano 2015, as approved by the government on 20 December 2012.
2. Fundamental questions concerning Tender Documentation could not be answered verbally at this conference, as any such questions must be directed to the CGO in writing. The CGO will answer all questions relating to the contracting authority (CGO) within four days, and those relating to legislation or the Italian organiser of EXPO Milano 2015 as soon as possible, provided it receives an answer to such questions.
3. The CGO will submit the minutes of the Initial Conference for the needs of subjects that were unable to attend, but who are interested in participating in the tender for the implementer of the Czech Republic's pavilion at EXPO Milano 2015 and in submitting a bid by the official closing date – i.e. 2 December 2013.

Minutes of the conference:

1. The Commissioner General summarised the progress of preparations for the participation of the Czech Republic in EXPO Milano 2015 in the form of a presentation, briefly recapitulated the concept, themes and state of preparations by EXPO organisers. He stressed the need to focus on ecology, simplicity and humour, with an emphasis on originality, the attractiveness of the pavilion and the well-conceived internal layout of the exposition, as well as the use of outdoor space – the Czech pavilion will be the only pavilion surrounded by water on two sides.
2. The Commissioner General stated that in view of the fact that no bids for the implementer of the Czech Republic's pavilion had been received in the first tender, it had been necessary to announce a modified call for tenders on 10 October 2013. Envelopes will be opened on 2 December 2013, with a check of the formal requirements of submitted bids, and an expert evaluation committee will select the winner on 13 December 2013. The Commissioner General added that the site of the pavilion will be handed over by EXPO organisers on 1 April

2014, the completed pavilion will be handed over to the CGO on 15 January 2015 and the pavilion will be returned to its owner on 15 November 2015.

3. The Commissioner General confirmed that partners implementing individual parts of the interior will be obliged to respect the spatial, technological and architectural layout of the pavilion, and that binding material for the preparation of their expositions will be decided by the winning project in the tender for the implementer of the Czech Republic's pavilion at EXPO Milano 2015.
4. The Commissioner General further informed that the output of this conference, including today's presentation, would be posted on the CGO EXPO website, and the minutes of the conference would also be available on the contracting authority's profile.
5. In response to a question regarding the request by EXPO organisers for all participating countries to submit a preliminary draft of the implementation of their pavilion, the Commissioner General replied that most participating countries had declared they were unable to submit such a draft by the given deadline. He emphasised that the CGO would send EXPO organisers information on the winning bid for the participation of the Czech Republic on 13 December 2013.
6. In response to a question on the amount of the security payment, the Commissioner General asked for this question to be submitted to the CGO in writing.
7. In response to the question of whether electrical power for the operation of the pavilion is limited, the Commissioner General informed that power is not limited and that the organisers have guaranteed prices, which will be competitive even outside the EXPO site.

Conclusion:

The CGO remains ready to answer written questions regarding the tender for the implementer of the Czech Republic's pavilion at EXPO Milano 2015, including forwarding these questions to the Italian organisers of the Universal World Exposition, where necessary. The CGO will publish the answers on the contracting authority's profile and on the CGO website in accordance with legislation.

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Participation of the Czech Republic in EXPO Milano 2015