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POLAND ACQUIRES ROCKETS FOR THE LANGUSTA SYSTEM. 8 POTENTIAL BIDDERS.

As Defence24.pl found out, 8 domestic and foreign entities expressed their willingness to participate in a technical dialogue concerning the 122 mm rockets for the WR-40, RM-70 and BM-21 systems.

The information concerning the intention to carry out the technical dialogue was published on the webpage of the Armament Inspectorate in early June this year. It was announced that a need emerged to obtain information on potential options of acquiring HE-Frag. warhead rockets that could be launched with the use of the BM-21 and derived contemporary WR-40 Langusta and RM-70 multiple rocket launch systems. The dialogue's goal is to assess the parameters of the solutions offered on the market and the conditions related to logistics and security of the deliveries. The dialogue is also aimed at scrutinizing the training problems emerging on the grounds of usage of the new rockets. Finally the Inspectorate wants to get the general impression when it comes to prices and the timeline options related to the supplies.

According to the representative of the Armament Inspectorate, the dialogue would involve the following entities who submitted their requests on the required deadline (5th July):

1. Mesko S.A.
2. Sieć Badawcza Łukasiewicz-Instytut
3. UMO Sp. z o.o.
4. Metalexport-S Sp. z o.o.
5. STV Polska Sp. z o.o.
6. POL-MOT Rail Sp. z o.o.
7. Roketsan A.S.
8. ELBIT System Land.

The next stage would be a process of qualifying the companies in the dialogue. The technical dialogue is expected to be finalized on 30th September 2019, although an extension of the deadline is also considered to be a viable option. Should this be the case, the entities invited to participate would be notified.

The procedure is aimed at creating a solid foundation for acquisition of a new generation of effectors for the 122 mm WR-40, BM-21 and RM-70 launchers. It shall be expected that the new rockets would have a much longer range, when compared to the currently operated effectors.