

POLISH PEGAZ PROGRAMME SUFFERING FROM FURTHER DELAYS

The Polish military has postponed the offer submission deadline for the tender pertaining to delivery of multi-purpose vehicles for the Special Operations component, known under the codename Pegaz. The potential contractors have two more months to file the documents at the MoD.

Let us recall the fact that the Armament Inspectorate published an announcement concerning the multi-purpose vehicles for the Special Operations component in late May this year. The order concerns delivery of 15 multi-purpose vehicles for the special forces, with a specification of 7 features defined by the Armament Inspectorate. The Ministry also reserves a right to exercise an option. Maximum number of vehicles that could be delivered, should the customer exercise the right of option, is defined as 90 examples which translates into 105 examples in total.

The prepared agreement additionally assumes that the contractor shall provide maintenance, repairs and service throughout the guarantee period at the licensed service points of the contractor, located within the territory of Poland. The Inspectorate notes that terms of reference (SIWZ) that are contained in a restricted document would specify the details pertaining to the order. The terms of reference shall be disclosed to the contractors who are going to be invited to place the preliminary offers. The total value or scope of the order has been defined by the ministry as an amount exceeding the sum of EUR 443 thousand and it is going to be a subject to negotiation, over the course of a competitive procedure involving up to 4 potential contractors. The entities that remain interested in the order were allowed to place their offers until 5th July, noon. The deadline has been extended though, until 30th August 2019. Two months more remain available to them, to submit the offers.

It shall also be recalled that back in 2016 it was planned that Pegaz programme would be divided into two stages, according to the information released by the Armament Inspectorate. The first phase, scheduled to happen between 2017 and 2022, 105 vehicles were to be procured for the Special Operations component and for the Military Police. Target requirement was estimated at the level of 280 examples. Meanwhile, procurement of the vehicles for the land forces was to begin starting from 2023, and here the quantity was defined as “several hundred” examples.

Currently we have no knowledge about the acquisition term and deadlines. The Inspectorate did not include this information in its announcement. However, the above does not change the fact that the programme is suffering from a significant delay. 3 years ago it was planned that the first vehicles would be received by the user in 2017.