Questions related to the DVB RfP for skeleton DVB-I CSR

1) The RfP refers in 1.1 Deliverables for Phase 1 to an option to provide separate test reference Service List Servers and to the provision of media streams. Please could you clarify whether these could be minimal server implementations for the purpose of demonstration.

Correct: The purpose is to guarantee that a DVB-I client will always have a minimum functioning service list registry, populated with some dummy lists such that the system will work and is not dependent on other (real) service providers maintaining lists. Such functionality is expected to be “low” cost, if it possible for the supplier to easily deliver and a lower priority in the delivery of the overall system. Note – the functionality is not restricted for the specific demonstrations and needs to be available according to the RfP.

2) The RfP identifies Phases 1 and 2 in section 1.1. Phase 1 is to be kept live for 12 months with regular office hour support. Phase 2 will require 24/7 availability and support, which may overlap concurrently with support for Phase 1. Please could you clarify the anticipated commencement and duration of support provision required for Phase 2.

Support for phase 2 would replace and terminate support for phase one and trigger the start of that 12 month period, the RfP covers likely dates for phase one and two deliveries:

One possibility is that phase one support could be quoted on a monthly basis – however given that its requirements are quite low this would not be expected to be significant.
3) The RfP in section 3.2 requests pricing for Phase 1 only and for both Phase 1 and Phase 2. The RfP states that there is no guarantee that Phase 2 will happen. The Schedule in 3.3 identifies five equal payments for defined milestones, with payments totalling 40% following acceptance of the final delivery of Phase 1. Please could you confirm whether the payments will equal 100% of the price for Phase 1 if for any reason DVB does not proceed with Phase 2.

Correct, assuming the phase one delivery meets acceptance phase 1 would be fully paid. But assuming phase 2 continues as planned then the project would be considered as a whole and payment schedule would be as presented in the RfP.

4) Is DVB open to alternative proposals for the weighting or phasing of payments, provided responses are based on the phases defined in the RfP?

The model in the RfP is the preferred model, and must be quoted for, in order that meaningful comparisons can be made, but the RfP allows for supplier suggested alternatives and DVB would consider them, but reserves the right to keep with the original model.

5) The RfP in section 3.5 requires a 12-month warranty and invites Suppliers to indicate what is covered by the warranty. Please could you clarify your expectations for a warranty, given that there is a requirement in section 5 to provide the implementation and documentation under an open source licence such as the MIT License, which specifically excludes warranty of any kind.

Main intents of the RfP:

- DVB will be making the output of this activity available under open source terms
- Thus the supplier should not include any material that cannot be made available under such terms
- DVB expects the supplier to make the deliverables available on the (private) GitHub
- DVB does not wish to include contributions from other parties (except the supplier) until the conclusion of the project (i.e. after the 12-month warranty period completes)

The reason for requiring an open source licence is that after the final completion of the project there are no restrictions on the system being further developed, either by DVB or other parties.

However, DVB requires the supplier to fix, at its own cost, any errors found after final delivery for a period of 12 months. If a specific license prohibits this then the supplier must indicate how this intent can be otherwise achieved.