

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** SPAPC.ERDF 004/2018

Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral

## **RE-ISSUE**

**TENDER FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE EXTERNAL & INTERNAL FABRIC OF THE TOWER & SPIRE, & OTHER INVESTIGATIVE AND ANCILLARY WORKS**

## **CLARIFICATION NOTE 2 as part of the Site Visit**

**Site visit held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 10.00am**

**Date:** 03/06/2019

**The contracting organisation was represented by:**

- Guillaume Dreyfuss – Project Manager AP Valletta
- Charles Sciberras – AP Valletta
- Federica Calio – AP Valletta
- Charlene Jo Darmanin – AP Valletta
- Godfrey Kenely – Project Administrator
- Tony Wright – Project Leader

**Number of companies registered for the tender in attendance:** 1 company

Clarifications:

**1. Clarification sought:**

**What is located below *Tal-Blata* terrace (base of the tower)?**

**Clarification reply:**

Refer to Tender drawing C00667.00-G001. A number of privately-owned garages are located under the terrace, as well as areas of back fill.

**2. Clarification sought:**

**What will support the tower scaffolding?**

**Clarification reply:**

The Contractor will need to take all measures necessary to transmit all the loads from the scaffolding safely to the ground. Tender drawing C00667.00-S039 shows the different scenarios of the supports for the scaffolding. In some instances, the scaffolding is resting on the existing church fabric. In others it is resting on fill material. In all instances the loads need to be transmitted safely to the ground without any undue overburden on the existing structural fabric.

**3. Clarification sought:**

**Was any coring done in the area underlying the proposed scaffolding?**

**Clarification reply:**

Yes exploratory coring was carried out in the locations indicated on Tender drawing C00667.00-S039 to determine the depth to rock.

**4. Clarification sought:**

**Is there any parking area on site?**

**Clarification reply:**

No parking facilities are being proposed on site. Temporary loading and unloading bays are being proposed, as per drawing C00667.00-P002.

**5. Clarification sought:**

**Can a garage be rented?**

**Clarification reply:**

The garages are privately owned. Rental of a garage does not fall within the scope of the tender.

**6. Clarification sought:**

**Is there permission to park on the street?**

**Clarification reply:**

Parking permissions are to be obtained from Transport Malta/Valletta Local Council. Current provisions agreed with Transport Malta are described in drawing C00667.00-P002.

**7. Clarification sought:**

**Can Marsamxett Road be roofed over, bridged over?**

**Clarification reply:**

This is something that the successful bidder will need to seek approval for from Transport Malta. The bidders cannot assume this as part of their temporary works. No claims from Contractor will be considered if permit for this is not granted by Transport Malta.

**8. Clarification sought:**

**Do the stairwells form part of the Works?**

**Clarification reply:**

Only the restoration of the internal walls enclosing the 2 no. staircases form part of the Works, as per Tender drawings C00667.00-M057 and C00667.00-M058.

**9. Clarification sought:**

**Where does the restoration of the external walls stop on the back terrace?**

**Clarification reply:**

The scope of the works only includes for the restoration of the 4 no. external tower walls, as per Tender drawings C00667.00-M042 and C00667.00-M050. The church walls are not included in the scope of works.

**10. Clarification sought:**

**Are there any plans of the spaces underneath the back terrace?**

**Clarification reply:**

A number of rooms underlie the terrace. These are constructed of a series of masonry walls, supporting arched vaults, as indicated in Tender drawing C00667.00-S039.

**11. Clarification sought:**

**What area of the garden is part of the site?**

**Clarification reply:**

The area of garden which is a part of the site is limited to the extent of the scaffolding.

**12. Clarification sought:**

**Are the aluminium apertures in the office to be replaced with timber ones?**

**Clarification reply:**

As described in Volume 5 Bill 10 Item B.10.1.5, the double door system, comprising of an aluminium and timber door, are to be replaced with a timber door installed with double-glazing, in a similar design as the existing timber doors.

**13. Clarification sought:**

**Are the bookshelves in the office to be retained or protected?**

**Clarification reply:**

The bookshelves are to be protected prior to the start of works.

**14. Clarification sought:**

**Will the bell-ringing mechanism be removed before works start?**

**Clarification reply:**

The bell-ringing mechanism in the tower will be disconnected by a third party before works commence.

**15. Clarification sought:**

**Are the stone steps in the stairwell between the church and the tower to be restored?**

**Clarification reply:**

The stone steps and metal railing within the tower stairwell are to be restored, as per Volume 5 Bill 9 Item 9.8.1 and 9.8.2.

**16. Clarification sought:**

**Can the timber louvres be removed to access the tower? Are the timber louvred apertures of the tower to be replaced or restored?**

**Clarification reply:**

Yes, the timber louvres can be removed to access the tower. As described in Volume 5 Bill 10 Item B.10.1.3, the timber louvres and frame are to be replaced with a painted galvanised steel louvred aperture having proprietary profiles design to keep out wind driven rain.

**17. Clarification sought:**

**Should the cast-iron downpipe in the staircase be removed?**

**Clarification reply:**

The cast-iron downpipe in the staircase is to be retained.

## 18. Clarification sought:

**At what location/orientation are FRP pultruded plates to be installed?**

### Clarification reply:

The FRP pultruded plates are to be installed in the horizontal plane, as described in Tender drawing C00667.00-S009 and C00667.00-S010.

## 19. Clarification Note:

The scaffolding is to be earthed or protected against lightning strikes. This is to be bonded to the existing LPS down conductor at a number of pre-determined positions at 3 no. connections of minimum 70m<sup>2</sup> sheathed PVC copper cables, one at the top tier, one at the middle tier and one at the lower tier.

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All other tender documents, conditions and requirements, which are not superseded by this clarification, remain in place.

## Reminders:

1. Bidders are reminded that the deadline for submission is 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 10:30am.

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