

REFERENCE NUMBER: SPAPC.ERDF 009/2023

Restoration of St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral

TENDER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES ON THE CHURCH
PARVIS: STRUCTURAL AND FINISHING WORKS & DESIGN, BUILD, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION
AND COMMISSIONING OF LIFT AND RELATED MEP WORKS

CLARIFICATION NOTE 1 (Site visit)

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St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral, Independence Square, Valletta.



Operational Programme I – European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020

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Site Visit

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The Contracting Organisation explained that the project is part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, having specific timeframes and procedures. It was highlighted that the project is reaching the end of the funding stream (by the end of 2023), and therefore, the works need to take place in a tight budget and tight deadline. The tender is split into two lots, Lot 1 catering for the civil works and Lot 2 for the lift and MEP works. It was pointed out that finishing works are included in Lot 1. Both contractors will be working within the same site boundary, so co-ordination between the two contracting parties would be required. The envisaged works were discussed, and the extent and location of the interventions were indicated on site.

The interventions on the left entrance of the Church include the installation of a stair lift to provide access to the parvis whilst retaining the existing levels and the passing of cables to provide the conduits (MEP works) from Lot 2 and creating perforations in the wall of Church to connect to the power supply, lifting of existing pavers to pass conduits, replacing existing pavers where needed and extending the width of the existing steps from Lot 1. GHRC works taking place in West Street will level West Street with the Parvis.

The lift is to match the adjacent steps as much as possible, both in terms of dimensions and finish. The finish for the lift steps and the extension of the existing steps is to be provided for by the finishing contractor. The Contracting organisation pointed out that existing handrails will be removed, and the new handrails (both in Lot 1 and Lot 2) are to match each other in terms of colour of the steel and dye of the timber (the timber is to be stained dark).

The interventions on the right side of the Church make up the majority of the proportion of Lot 1. These include the installation of a raised platform together with the construction of steps which will be placed on top of the existing historical floor. The underlying fabric shall be retained and protected.

The works also include the installation of a ramp, which will provide access to the raised platform. The Contracting Organisation explained that the ramp is a lightweight structure which is to be built off-site. The ramp is a steel structure, with its sides clad in hardstone and the surface finished in chequered aluminium sheets. The railing of the ramp is to also be made of steel. The Contracting Organisation pointed out that the raised platform is to be constructed using igloo void formers and that it is the responsibility of the contractor bidding on Lot 1 to provide it.

The Contracting Organisation explained that there will be no excavation works, however, an archaeologist might be needed to carry out an investigation to allow for the lifting of the hardstone pavers. The archaeologist will be provided for by the Contracting Organisation.

The Contracting Organisation outlined the checklist in Volume 6 listing whatever needs to be submitted and that the deadline for submittal is 16.06.2023. Any questions and clarifications should be forwarded to the project administrator. The duration of the works is 12 weeks for each lot. The Contracting Organisation noted that the works should overlap, if possible. The Contractor of Lot 1 is to start by carrying out the civil works of the left entrance of the Church, so that once these are done, works pertaining to Lot 2 can commence.