



16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

REFERENCE NUMBER: SPD3/2021/012

**FRAMEWORK TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CARE WORKER SERVICES FOR THE SERVICES GOZO DIRECTORATE, WITHIN THE MINISTRY FOR GOZO**

**Clarification No. 1**

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**Clarifications**

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Question 1: C1.i. Is the NCPE Equality Mark mandatory? Hence, would the bidder be disqualified if they are still in the process of attaining this mark?

**Answer 1:** As per indicated in the BPQR grid and the Organisation and Methodology Form, this is an 'Add-On' requisite and therefore the bidders will not be disqualified if not in possess of such NCPE Equality Mark. In case that evidence is submitted that proves that the economic operator is an Equal Opportunities employer in line with the Equality Mark (or equivalent) issued by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) (or equivalent), in such case, the respective add-on points are given.

Question 2: C2 Collective Agreement. Is this a mandatory requirement?

**Answer 2:** As per indicated in the BPQR grid and the Organisation and Methodology Form, this is an 'Add-On' requisite and therefore the bidders will not be disqualified. In case that evidence is provided [as per tender requisites] of a registered Collective Agreement, in such case, the respective add-on points are given.

**The deadline for the Submission of Tenders is being changed to reflect the below updated schedule:**

|   | DATE                            | TIME*     |
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| Clarification Meeting/Site Visit  | N/A                             | N/A       |
| Deadline for request for any additional information from the Contracting Authority.                                       | 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 | 12:00 hrs |
| Clarifications by registered users to be sent online through <a href="http://www.etenders.gov.mt">www.etenders.gov.mt</a> |                                 |           |
| Last date on which additional information can be issued by the Contracting Authority                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021    | 12:00 hrs |



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| Deadline for Submission of Tenders<br>(unless otherwise modified in terms of Clause 10.1 of the General Rules Governing Tendering) | 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 | 09:30 hrs |
| Tender Opening Session<br>(unless otherwise modified in terms of Clause 10.1 of the General Rules Governing Tendering)             | 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 | 10:00 hrs |

\* All times Central European Summer Time (CEST)

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

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