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REASONED LETTER OF REPLY IN RELATION TO OFFICIAL OBJECTION :
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF FOUNTAIN WATER TESTING FOR THE MINSITRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS - RE-ISSUE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN



Three offers were received for this call for tenders, and namely:

Asail (Tender ID 120804) – 22,048.80 Euros (Excl VAT)

CADA and Sunlab (Tender ID 120800) – 43,200 Euros (Excl VAT)

Pt Matic (Tender ID 120773) – 38,220 Euros (Excl VAT).

During the verification for administrative compliance it resulted that Messrs CADA and Sunlab were fully compliant, however both ASAIL Ltd and Pt Matic Ltd had a number of shortcomings which are highlighted in the rectification letters sent to these two bidders.

Both bidders eventually replied to our clarification requests within the set timeframes. Whereas Messrs Pt Matic provided complete and satisfactory replies to our clarification requests in the case of Messrs ASAIL Ltd we could not trace some of the related information which was meant to be submitted on epps as an attachment.

By making reference to the "Evaluation Clarifications Report" that is generated by the ePPS system one could deduce that said bidder was providing satisfactory replies within the "Response" section of the "Evaluation Clarifications Report"., ie ***"Please find attached 2 files. The first is the accreditation scope of BIO DNA who are our sub-contractors. Also please find black listing exclusion from signed by BioDNA"***. Essentially this was the information that we were seeking from this bidder, however, this called for backup information that had to be submitted as an attachment to confirm same. It resulted that we could not find any such documentary attachments for this bidder within the epps areas accessible to us. We presumed that bidder in question must have faced problems in uploading his attachments on epps. In the circumstances, we contacted the DOC IT section for their advice, and they recommended that since no attachment could be found on epps to be downloaded for our assessment, we had to proceed with our adjudication on information available to us at that time. In this regard we had no other option but to proceed with concluding that " However no documents to substantiate these replies were found attached on the epps and for this reason this bid was deemed administratively non compliant".

Finally, it must be pointed out that the offer submitted by Messrs ASAIL at 22,048.80 Euros(excl VAT) is 16,171.20 Euros(excl VAT) cheaper than the offer submitted by the next cheaper bidder, ie Pt Matic Ltd.



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Chairman TEC

23/12/2019