



Public Contracts Review Board  
Notre Dame Ditch,  
Floriana FRN 1601



6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Dear Sir, Madam,

*Without prejudice*

**REF: Objection – IMA-2019/010**

Reference is made to the notification of cancellation of the tender in caption, received from your end on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, and dated the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

The purpose of this notification letter was to inform us that the tender has been cancelled due to a conflict of interest exposed with GCS Assurance Company Ltd, after the tender was awarded.

Please note that through this letter we are objecting to this tender's cancellation on two grounds. Primarily, our bid price ranked the second cheapest after GCS Assurance Company Ltd, and therefore if GCS Assurance Company Ltd has been disqualified, then the tender should not be cancelled but awarded to our firm.

Secondly, the fact that the bid prices were published and communicated with the bidders, will place us at a disadvantage, in the event that this tender is re-published. Furthermore, please note that publishing the bid prices, which was done from your end on two different occasions, is in breach of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Together with your notification letter you have requested us to effect a deposit of Eur 400 together with this objection letter, but the mode of payment was not indicated. To this effect I have sent an email requesting this information but as yet no information has been received.

We await your feedback in this regard and we expect a positive reply to this matter, failing which we would refer the matter to our legal advisors.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Arthur D. Turner  
Managing Partner

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Platinum Members

Parker Randall Turner  
13, Curate Fenech Street,  
Birzebbugia, BBG 2032.

30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Cancellation of Tender ref No IMA-2019/010

I refer to the tender in caption, in particular to the letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 wherein the Contracting Authority has awarded the tender to GCS Assurance Company Ltd, and advise that the Tender is being cancelled due to conflict of interest exposed after tender was awarded.

Please note that the deadline for filing a notice of objection (appeal) is ten working days from the cancellation notification received from e-PPS, during which a deposit of € 400 is required, which may be refunded as the Public Contracts Review Board may decide in its decision.



Martin Bowerman

Chairman

Evaluation Committee

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List of Tenders submitted for:

**TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF AUDIT SERVICES FOR IDENTITY MALTA AGENCY.**

Pursuant to the cancellation, the following participating bidders were informed via e-mail:

| ePPS Ref | Name of Tenderer         | Price in Euro<br>excl. of VAT. |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 118533   | Parker Randall Turner    | €23,600                        |
| 118514   | RSM Malta                | €34,500                        |
| 118503   | Mazars Malta             | €84,000                        |
| 118501   | Clayton Bartolo          | €31,500                        |
| 118494   | GCS Assurance Malta Ltd. | €19,350                        |

**BOV**

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Date: 06/11/2019

Bank of Valletta p.l.c., Malta

Pay PCR B only

four hundred euro only.

€ 400

MR. ARTHUR DOUGLAS TURNER A/C PARKER RANDALL TURNER

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Public Contracts Review Board

Temporary Receipt

Date: 11/11/2019

Received from PARKER RANDALL the sum of €400.—  
TURNER.

in respect of Tender IMA-2019/010

Cheque No: BOV-845

Validity of receipt is subject to bank clearance, when payment is made by cheque

[Signature]

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