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**Malta-Luqa: Undersea tunnel construction work
2018/S 240-547288**

Prior information notice

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Works

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Malta
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NUTS code: MT

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.etenders.gov.mt/epps>
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.etenders.gov.mt/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) Main activity

Other activity: Infrastructure Malta is responsible for all type of Infrastructure on the Maltese Islands

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Design, Build, Maintenance and Operation of the Malta-Gozo Tunnel. Infrastructure Malta.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

45221246

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description:

DBMO (Design, Build, Maintenance and Operation of a tunnel between Malta and Gozo). The two main islands of the Maltese Archipelago, Malta and Gozo are currently linked by the Tran-European Transport Network (TEN-

T) through a ferry crossing from Cirkewwa in Malta to Mgarr Gozo. Government has embarked on a long-term strategy to address the accessibility between Malta and Gozo, thus addressing the everyday problems being experienced by Gozitans to travel to their place of work, to reap benefits from increase in influx of tourism and increases in general economic activities.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: MT

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

The tunnel shall provide a physical link between the islands. It is expected to be bored or mined along one of the following options: a deep seated tunnel which is located in the Globigerina Limestone layer below the Blue Clay Layer or a shallow seated tunnel which is located above the Blue Clay layer in the upper Corraline Limestone. The length of the tunnel will be approximately 14 kilometers. The portals will comprise a concrete structure that connects the rock tunnel and surface. The concrete structure will be designed to blend as much as possible into the landscape. DBMO mobilization — 6 months. Portal excavations and tunnelling — 36 months. Mechanical/electrical installations — 18 months. Finishing/testing/commissioning — 3 months. It is to be noted that in the above estimated duration, the mechanical/electrical installations phase is scheduled to commence on the 28th month of the previous portal excavations and tunnelling phase. During the testing phase, prior to commissioning, a full scale test of all systems shall be carried out. Such testing shall also include the involvement of emergency services, and shall ensure that the tunnel and all its operations have been integrated into the local network.

Studies: various technical, engineering, environmental and economic studies relating to tunnel fixed-link options connecting Malta and Gozo have been commissioned. A conceptual design is currently being prepared and it is estimated to be finalised in Q1 2019. All documentation and designs shall be made available to the bidders during the tendering period.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

The tunnel is expected to be a single-tube tunnel with two lanes, one in each direction, and will have a length of approximately 14 km. Each vehicle lane shall be between 3,25 m and 3,50 m wide. The actual document will specify the exact dimensions.

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

30/03/2019

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

10/12/2018

