PUBLIC CONTRACTS REVIEW BOARD

Case 1896 – CT2321/2022 – Tender for the Provision of Cleaning Services, with reduced environmental impact, to the Ministry for Finance and Employment and its line department – Lot 5

PCRB Decision dated 24th July 2023

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The Decision of the Board should now read:

The Board,

Having evaluated all the above and based on the above considerations, concludes and decides in relation to Lot 5:

- a) Does not uphold Appellant's Letter of Objection and contentions in relation to the grievances i) On the Payment of Wages through Credit Transfer and ii) On the Implementation Services Quality Standards / ISO certificates;
- b) To partially uphold the Appellant's concerns and grievance in relation to the Validity Period as per paragraph (h) of the Board's considerations;
- c) To cancel the 'Notice of Award' letter dated 14th March 2023;
- d) To cancel the Letters of Rejection dated 14th March 2023;
- e) To order the contracting authority to re-evaluate the bids received for Lot 5 with specific reference to article 8.3 of the General Rules Governing Tenders as per paragraph (h) of the Board's considerations;
- f) after taking all due consideration of the circumstances and outcome of this Letter of Objection, directs that the deposit be refunded to the Appellant in view of the grievance regarding the validity period.

Mr Kenneth Swain Chairman Dr Vincent Micallef Member Ms Stephanie Scicluna Laiviera Member