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11th September 2026

The Secretary
Public Contracts Review Board
Department of Contracts,
Notre Dame Ravelin,
Floriana, VLT2000.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

Dear Secretary,

Re: SPD6/2025/112 - FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO AND COMINO - LOT 2 (GOZO AND COMINO SITES)

We write on behalf of CenterLine Services Limited ["Objector"], with company registration number C 115255, with its registered office address at 15, Triq Id-Dar tal-Kleru, Birkirkara, and are directed to refer to the decision dated 4th September 2026 - a copy of which is being herewith attached (**DOC: A**) - by means of which Objector's bid was found to be not financially compliant.

Objector feels aggrieved by the decision in question, and is consequently filing the present notice of objection in terms of the provisions of the Public Procurement Regulations (S.L. 601.03).

The required deposit of €400.00 was duly paid by Objector, as per transaction note herewith attached (**DOC: B**).

In brief, the facts of this case are as follows:

- a) The tender in caption was issued for the provision of health and safety project supervisor services across various transport malta sites in Malta, Gozo and Comino, and, according to clause 6.1 of the tender document: *"The sole award criterion will be the price. The contract will be awarded to the tenderer submitting the cheapest priced offer satisfying the administrative and technical criteria"*;
- b) MAKES Engineering ["Preferred Bidder"] submitted a bid amounting to €12,740.00, excluding Value Added Tax, whereas Objector submitted a bid amounting to €10,700.00 excluding Value Added Tax;
- c) Clearly, therefore, Objector's bid was cheaper than that of the Preferred Bidder;

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- d) Notwithstanding the above, Objector was not awarded the tender in caption since it was decided that Objector's bid was not financially compliant on the basis of one (1) sole reason, namely:

"A clarification request was sent to economic operator with regards to the abnormally low offer. The bidder did not reply hence was found financially non-compliant"

Objector's grievances in connection with the decision of the 4th September 2026 are, in brief, the following:

1. In this case, Objector did, indeed, receive an evaluation clarification request (**DOC: C**) on the 9th July 2026 at 9:17 AM (**DOC: D**);

Notwithstanding the fact that Objector was given until the 16th July 2026 at 17:00 in order to file a response to the said request (**DOC: E**), Objector actually filed its response on the 9th July 2026 at 8:58 PM (**DOC: F**), by means of which it informed as follows:

"CenterLine Services Limited (CLS) works with a very efficient internal system that keeps our costs low, while still delivering the required services. Everyone involved in the Health & Safety Project Supervisor duties is a direct employee of CLS, so we do not use subcontractors or pay any external mark-ups. This makes our workflow faster, clearer, and easier to manage. Because our team follows the same procedures, works are streamlined, and we can cover the Transport Malta sites in Malta, Gozo, and Comino without unnecessary overheads"

Clearly, therefore, Objector did not only reply to the evaluation clarification request of the 9th July 2026, but actually replied on the same day that this same request was sent, that is on the 9th July 2026;

Therefore, the decision of the 4th September 2026 is factually incorrect, since Objector did, in fact, reply to the evaluation clarification request in question;

2. Without prejudice to the above, Objector's offer of €10,700.00 was not abnormally low, given, amongst others, that the Preferred Bidder's offer of €12,740.00 was only €2,040.00 or 16.01% higher than that of Objector;
3. Without prejudice to the above, the decision of the 4th September 2026 is totally unfounded, both as a matter of fact and as a matter of law, since Objector submitted the cheapest priced offer satisfying all administrative and technical criteria;

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4. Without prejudice to the above, the decision of the 4th September 2026 is totally unfounded, both as a matter of fact and as a matter of law, as will further result during the course of these proceedings;

For the above reasons, Objector humbly requests that the decision of the 4th September 2026 is revoked in its entirety, and for all intents and purposes of law, and that Objector's bid is reintegrated in the evaluation process, thus enabling the award of the tender in caption to the cheapest technically and financially compliant bidder in accordance with law.

We hereby reserve the right to make further submissions, and to produce all required witnesses and other evidence, during the course of the proceedings in caption.

Yours sincerely,



Alexander Schembri LL.D.



Doc: A

4th September 2026

Centreline Services Limited
000243282

REFERENCE: SPD6/2025/112

SUBJECT: FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND
SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS
TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO AND COMINO

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for participating in the above-mentioned procurement procedure. However, this Department regrets to inform you that the procurement proposal submitted by your company for **Lot 2 – Gozo and Comino Sites** was **Not Financially Compliant**.

The main reasons why the procurement proposal was not compliant, are included in the table hereunder.

Tender ID	Name of Tenderer	Reasons
000243282	Centreline Services Limited	A clarification request was sent to economic operator with regards to the abnormally low offer. The bidder did not reply hence was found financially non-compliant.

The procurement was recommended for award to **Tender ID: 000242924 – MAK5 Engineering** for the price of **€ 12,740.00** excluding VAT, this being the cheapest priced offer satisfying the administrative and technical criteria.

If you intend to object to this decision, the Public Procurement Regulations allow for an official objection which in this case has to be lodged electronically with the Public Contracts Review Board by sending an email on: info.pcrb@gov.mt by **noon of Monday, 14th September 2026** against a deposit of **€ 400.00**.

Payments are to be made through bank transfer in terms of the following details:

Name of Account Holder	Cashier Malta Government
Name of Bank	Central Bank of Malta

Address of Bank	Castille Place, Valletta
Account Number	40001EUR-CMG5-001-H
BIC	MALT MT MT
IBAN Code	MT55MALT011000040001EURCMG5001H
Bank Code	01100

The official 'recommendation for award' schedule can be accessed on the website: www.etenders.gov.mt

Although this Department has not been able to make use of your services on this occasion, we trust that you will continue to take an active interest in its procurement opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

Manager I Procurement
Sectoral Procurement Directorate 6 & 7



Bank of Valletta p.l.c
Registration Number: C 2833
Registered Office: 58 Zachary Street, Valletta VLT 1130 - Malta

Pay third party

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Transaction details

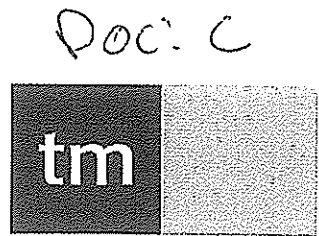
Payee type: Corporate Payee
Company name: Cashier Malta Government
Relation: Technical Services
Reason: Other
Payment details: Deposit on behalf of CenterLine Services Limited for Lot 2
Currency: EUR - Euro
Beneficiary IBAN/Account: MT55MALT011000040001EURCMG5001H
Beneficiary IBAN/Account type: Valid IBAN of country - Malta
Bank name: Other bank
Bank address / Bank's BIC: Let the bank apply the beneficiary bank BIC
Beneficiary address: No
From account: Clients' Current (EUR) 4001909593 0
Charges should be paid by: Shared - I pay BOV charges; pays the beneficiary bank charges
Amount: EUR 400.00
BOV to transfer the money: as soon as possible
Receiving bank to get the money as: normal priority payment
FPAD Result: The name you entered is very similar to our records: CASHIER MALTA GOVERNMENT CALL ACCOUNT - GENERAL. If you continue without correcting it, the payment may be sent to the wrong person, and recovery may not be possible as it could result in fraud. This Verification of Payee check will not block the payment, but it is simply providing additional security. Please verify the payment details with the recipient before proceeding.
Saved template: no

Additional information

Credit amount: EUR 400.00
Debited amount (excluding charges): EUR 400.00
Estimated amount to be withdrawn from account: EUR 401.00
Transaction charge: EUR 1.00

Transaction result

Status: Your instructions have been received and will be reviewed. Please do not re-submit this payment.
Transaction ID: 185179784



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CENTRELINE SERVICES LIMITED

TENDERER ID: 243282

TENDER SPD6/2025/112 - SERVICES - FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO, AND COMINO

LOT 2

Reference is made to the tender in caption, and to your offer submission to same.

During the Financial Evaluation Stage, the Evaluation Committee reviewed the financial offer submitted in your bid in reply to the financial requirements as per Clause 5 D (i) of Section 1, Instructions to Tenderers.

Your offer is priced at €10,700.00 excluding VAT and is being considered substantially lower than the estimated value of the tender as determined by the Contracting Authority.

For this reason, the Contracting Authority is giving you the opportunity to explain how you were able to submit such a tender for Framework contract for the provision of health and safety project supervisor services across various Transport Malta sites in Malta, Gozo, and Comino. Hence, you are being requested to justify and provide a rationale behind the price proposed in relation to the services being procured.

Reference shall be made to Regulation 243 of the Public Procurement Regulations, *S.L. 601.03*. Accordingly, the explanations, in relation to price/costs proposed in the tender submission, may in particular relate to:

- a) *the economics of the manufacturing process, of the services provided or of the construction method;*
- b) *the technical solutions chosen or any exceptionally favourable conditions available to the tenderer for the supply of the products or services or for the execution of the work;*
- c) *the originality of the work, supplies or services proposed by the tenderer;*
- d) *compliance with obligations established in regulations 13(m) and 16(k);*
- e) *compliance with obligations referred to in regulation 60;*
- f) *the possibility of the tenderer obtaining State aid.*

In addition, kindly confirm that you have understood all the respective specifications and conditions listed in the procurement documents and that the financial offer submitted includes all the necessary financial/economic provisions required to fulfil the named specifications and conditions, without exception.

In terms of Article 5D of the Instructions to Tenderers, which is labelled as Note 3 (*No rectification shall be allowed. Only clarifications on the submitted information may be requested*), you are hereby being given the opportunity to clarify your submission in line with the above, within five (5) working days of notification, as per the stipulated deadline as stated in the Electronic Public Procurement (ePPS). The requested information is to be submitted through the appropriate Electronic Public Procurement (ePPS) module.

Failure to send a written reply with the required explanations, within the stated timeframe, shall be deemed as acceptance that the offer is abnormally low. Additionally, in line with General Rules Governing Tenders, failure to reply shall result in the tender offer not being considered any further and thus automatically disqualified.

This clarification opportunity is being sent without any commitment whatsoever on the part of the Contracting Authority and does not imply that your offer will be accepted, as it may still be deemed administratively, technically or financially non-compliant during the tender evaluation process.

Regards

Evaluation Committee

Transport Malta

07/09/2026, 09:13

e-Tendering CFT Automated Notification - [CFT: 13698786, CFT CA Unique ID: SPD6/2025/112] Evaluation clarification request

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Jul 9, 2026, 9:17 AM

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To epps-notifications.contracts@gov.mt

e-Tendering Platform - *Evaluation clarification request*

From:

Organization: **Transport Malta**

CFT: **SPD6/2025/112 - SERVICES - FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO, AND COMINO**

CFT CA Unique ID: **SPD6/2025/112**

Information: A request for clarification has been posted

You may access the clarification section by visiting link:

<https://www.etenders.gov.mt/epps/cft/listEvaluationClarification.do?resourceId=13698786>

You are receiving this notification because you have been associated with this Call for Tenders.

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Electronic Tendering - Clarifications



Clarifications

CFT: SPD6/2025/112 - SERVICES - FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO, AND COMINO (STATUS: APPEALS PERIOD)

Clarifications

Published Clarifications

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Title:

SPD6/2025/112 - SERVICES - FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO, AND COMINO
LOT 2

Deadline:

16/07/2026 17:00

Request for:

Clarification

<https://www.etenders.gov.mt/epps/cft/viewEvalClarification.do?clarificationID=13922861&resourceId=13698786>

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Electronic Tendering - Clarifications

BAFO (Best and Final Offer):

Description of the clarification: *

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Attachment for the question:

[Clarification Letter -Centrelne Services Ltd Lot 2 \(002\).pdf](#)

EO Response (1):

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Electronic Tendering - Clarifications

Response Date (1):

09/07/2026 20:58

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e-Tendering Platform – Evaluation Clarification Response

A new clarification has been published in respect of the Call for Tenders with title '**SPD6/2025/112 - SERVICES - FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT SUPERVISOR SERVICES ACROSS VARIOUS TRANSPORT MALTA SITES IN MALTA, GOZO, AND COMINO**' and Cft CA Unique ID '**SPD6/2025/112**'.

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