

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Elaboration of an Integrated Conservation and Risk Management Plan for  
the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem

### 1. Procedure

Simplified Procedure. Based on the application received, eligible candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract

### 2. Programme title

AID 11219 – Support to the rehabilitation and valorization of the Palestinian landmark: the Church of Nativity – Bethlehem.

### 3. Financing

Budget line

### 4. Contracting Authority

Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS) – Jerusalem Office

### 5. Nature of contract

Global price

### 6. Contract description

Service contract to development a specific Integrated Conservation and Risk Management Plan for the property as a whole that includes approaches to tourism and development regulations, in which it raised, assessed and identified different issues that need to be well managed to ensure the protection and enhancement of the sites, focusing on the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem.

## 7. Indicative budget

Up to 40,000 euros (forty thousand euros)

## 8. Intended timing of invitations to tenders

December 2019

## 9. Additional information

In recent years, substantial restoration works have been carried out at the Church of the Nativity, but certain issues are still missing, including the necessity of developing an Integrated Conservation and Risk Management Plan.

Additionally, the relatively large numbers of tourists entering the Church on daily basis necessitates the revisiting and inspection of the mechanism set for their management inside the Church, whether in terms of their flow from the moment they get in until they leave, or in terms of their convenience and comfort.

To achieve this, AICS is looking for contracting a sectoral local NGO.

The involved team of work shall include the following key-expert:

- A senior WHSs Conservation and Management Risk international expert
- A junior architect and urban planner

In addition, the experts shall be supported by a local practitioner supporting with translation and in charge of coordinating the logistic during the mission.

The plan shall be prepared and submitted in max 180 working days.

The expert's team is expected to work closely with the PCRCN and MoTA and the three Christian denominations that oversee the Church of the Nativity (the Greek Orthodox Church, the Order of St. Francis, and the Armenian Church).

## 10. Documents to be supplied by the applicants:

- General information about the applicant;
- A presentation of the tenderer's organization, including the total number of staff employed;
- A list of the staff proposed for execution of the contract, with the CVs of key staff;
- Evidence of relevant experience in carrying out contracts of a similar nature, including the nature and value of the contracts, works in hand and contractually committed.

## 11. Deadline for receipt of applications

The deadline for the submissions of applications is **12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Applications must be sent to AICS Jerusalem, Mujeer Eddin St. 2, Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem.

Applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority in a sealed envelope.

The program title must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the application.

## 12. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) N°236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

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