

Notice to Bidders - III:

Date: 10 January 2025

**Title: BEI/ITB/24/26-Invitation to Bid for the
Restoration of the east and west lateral elevations of the
Sursock Palace**

Subject: Response to Bidder’s Request for Clarification and Extension of Bid submission Deadline

All Bidders are advised of the following clarification for the raised question on the announced ITB. Besides, Bidders are advised that the deadline for bid submission has been extended till January 17, 2025 before 6:00 pm Beirut local time.

<u>Question #</u>	<u>Questions</u>	<u>Photos</u>	<u>UNESCO Response to bidder’s “Request for Clarification”</u>
1	As shown in picture, the roof balustrade at east facade has been closed maybe to cover behind technical areas, the replacement of concrete balustrade may affect the closure, and the fibre covering from roof side, is works related to roof closure included in the maintaining and restoration of concrete Balustrade?		The roof parapet and its waterproofing system from internal side falls under the scope of another project already assigned to another contractor mobilized on site. It's the duty of the awarded bidder to schedule and coordinate the restoration of altered balustrade bollards with the other contractor to the consultant approval. For the moment bidders shall price the restoration of the altered bollards only as well as the parapet from external side as existing. If after investigations during works the consultant and the owners requested reopening this parapet and replacing all the apparently half shaped bollards by full bollards this will be covered as necessary by BOQ Provisional Sum item: 1.5-Provisional works.

2	The Marble Slab laying on corbels has cracks and breaks in some areas, as restoration, in old historical buildings this is embedded in the external wall (depth is at least 3-4 cm), it is required to remove and insert new marble slab or only restoration of existing marble?		BOQ item 9632.0: "Restoring of white Carrara Marble Slab, include removal and replacing of heavily deteriorated pieces". However, we do not foresee for the moment any full replacement of marble slabs. Restoration of existing marble slabs is required using stainless steel plates to stitch the cracked parts all together. Whenever after investigation during works a piece can't be stitched, replacement of slab will be considered by consultant and only the supply of new similar marble slab shall be covered as necessary by BOQ Provisional Sum item: 1.5 -Provisional works.
3	In such cases, patching the Carrara is accepted or new column base to be inserted?		Patching is accepted to the consultant approval, however, sometimes scars of civil war are required to remain apparent. Specifically in this picture case the column base to remain as is.
4	We need plans showing names of each window on plan		Ok, please find attached PDF file with related lateral elevations opening tags in plan for all levels.
5	Due to the holidays, we request one week extension of time for the bid submission		An extension for additional one week has been granted- new submission deadline to be 17/01/2025 before 18:00 hr Beirut Time.
6	Is there any estimation for provisional sums in the BOQ under items 1.5 Unforeseen works and item 04900 Masonry Restoration and cleaning, Stitching of Structural cracks?		Please refer to the updated BOQ where you can find the estimations for the provisional sums related to these 2 items that are subject to UNESCO's discretion.

Yours sincerely,
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 Culture Unit