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Installation of PV Panels on Government Owned and Occupied Buildings

1. Introduction

The installation of photovoltaic panels (PVs) on public buildings is directly in line with the first component of Malta's Recovery and Resilience plan. Moreover, it will have a direct effect with regards to Malta's attainment of its Renewable Energy Targets since The National Energy and Climate Plan identifies and includes Government owned buildings as part of the potential which needs to be developed with PV installations in order to contribute towards the 2030 RES target. This Initiative shall also help Malta align to the upcoming revisions of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources as per the Green Deal ambition.

The Energy and Water Agency (the Agency) is accepting Expressions of Interest (EoI) from Government Ministries, Departments, and other public entities¹ operating from Government owned buildings for the Installation of PV panels upon said Government owned Buildings. For the purposes of this measure, buildings occupied under a title of lease or a title of emphyteusis with an outstanding term of at least twenty (20) years shall also be considered eligible, provided that the permission of the owner of the immovable, where applicable, has been obtained.

2. Eligible Costs

Eligible costs under the scheme cover the design, supply, installation and commissioning of the PV panels on the indicated building.

A separate EoI shall be submitted for each individual building upon which the installation of PVs is proposed.

3. Submission of the Expression of Interest

This initiative has an allocated budget of two hundred and fifty thousand euro (€250,000).

The funding available for each accepted proposal for an installation shall be capped at twenty-five thousand euro (€25,000) and assigned on a first come first served basis subject to availability of funds.

¹ By other public entity it is meant a legal entity which has more than 50% government shareholding and can include authorities, corporations, agencies and commercial public-sector entities in which the Government has a majority shareholding and that are not listed on the stock exchange. Public Entities also include foundations, local councils and public academic entities.

The scheme shall start accepting EoI in February 2022.

The scheme shall finance in full, up to a capping of EUR 25,000, the procurement by respective applicant Ministries, Departments, and public institutions, for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of PV systems on government-owned or government-occupied premises. This will be in lieu of the payment of a Feed-In Tariff. Any energy which is in excess of own on-site use which is generated by the PVs shall be exported to the grid and credited at the proxy for the market price of electricity, as established by the Fourth Schedule of the Feed-in Tariffs Scheme (Electricity Generated from Solar Photovoltaic Installations) Regulations (S.L.545.27 of the Laws of Malta). The Applicant shall be responsible for all documentation, permissions or permits required for the execution of the installation.

Each EoI shall be processed through the website of the Energy and Water Agency and shall :

- 1) be endorsed by the respective Permanent Secretary through the submission of the declaration in the Annex, signed by same Permanent Secretary;
- 2) Include a site plan of the roof where the proposed installation will be installed.

4. Disbursement of funds

On acceptance of the EoI, the Agency shall inform the Applicant to this effect. It shall issue a letter acceptance in respect of the proposed project indicating such acceptance and that a sum, capped at twenty-five thousand euro (€25,000), has been accordingly allocated for eligible expenses.

Following the receipt of said letter, the Applicant shall then proceed to issue the Tender² for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of the PV installation as indicated in the EoI, which procurement process shall fully comply with the provisions of the applicable Public Procurement Regulations.

Upon the Applicant's evaluation of tender and the signing of the Contract for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of the PV system, the Applicant may request the transfer of funds to cover the eligible costs from the Ministry responsible for Energy and Water Agency and shall keep the Agency informed of the successful completion of the installation and commissioning of the proposed installation.

5. Permits and Authorisations

The Applicant entity shall at all times be responsible for any documentation, permission or administrative permit from, or to be submitted to, any government authority or entity, which

² Sample Tender documents shall be made available by the Energy and Water Agency for the perusal of the Applicant.

may be required for the execution of the proposed PV installation, including the bearing of any costs associated therewith.

Where the building is occupied under a title of lease or emphyteusis, it shall be the Applicant's responsibility to obtain any necessary permissions or authorisations from the owner of the immovable.