



Ambasciata d'Italia  
Muscat

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE AWARD OF THE SUPPORT SERVICE FOR THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE DESIGN GUIDELINES DOCUMENT AND DURING THE DESIGN PHASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE OF THE HEAD OF MISSION**

**THE ITALIAN EMBASSY TO THE SULTANATE OF OMAN**

The Italian Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman

- Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 18 of January 5, 1967, "Organization of the Administration of Foreign Affairs";
- Pursuant to Law No. 241 of August 7, 1990, "New Provisions on Administrative Proceedings and the Right of Access to Administrative Documents";
- Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 54 of February 1, 2010, "Regulations governing the administrative and financial autonomy of diplomatic missions and Category I consular offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs";
- Having regard to Decree No. 192 of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, dated November 2, 2017, "Regulations Governing the Procedures for the Award and Management of Contracts to Be Performed Abroad," as amended;
- Pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 36/2023, as amended;
- Provided that the Italian Embassy in Muscat plans to launch a competitive bidding process to award the design contract for the construction of the new Embassy building, the Ambassador's Residence, and housing for Carabinieri personnel stationed there (together herein after "Embassy Buildings");
- Whereas the Embassy, given the complexity of the project, intends to use this exploratory survey to solicit expressions of interest for direct award pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 2, subparagraph (a) of Ministerial Decree 192/2017, as amended, to award the contract for supporting the Project Manager to qualified entities for the preparation of tender documentation pertaining to the drafting of the design guidelines and assistance during the design phase for the construction of the new Embassy and Residence of the Head of Mission, including the updating of the overall budget;
- Taking into account the relevant ministerial communications on this matter;

## **UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION – in case of doubt the Italian version will prevail**

- Given the considerable amount of time that has elapsed between the initial market survey and the present, and also in light of the cessation of hostilities between the United States, Israel, and Iran and the resulting, desirable reassessment of the entities available to provide the aforementioned services;
- Given that this notice is to be considered a mere preliminary selection process that is not binding on the Administration, aimed at gathering expressions of interest from interested parties, that the expressions of interest received, including the requested information, will in no way be binding on the Administration and that participating parties will not gain any advantage with respect to the Administration's future decisions;
- Given that the submission of expressions of interest does not confer any rights on economic operators and is intended solely to inform the Embassy of their willingness to be selected, in order to identify a shortlist of potential economic operators to be contacted, and that this Notice constitutes a mere fact-finding exercise, the results of which the Administration is under no obligation to disclose;

### **INVITE**

All interested parties who meet the requirements set forth in this notice are invited to submit an expression of interest for the assignment in question, in accordance with the principles of non-discrimination, equal treatment, proportionality, and transparency, in order to be selected to perform support functions for the Project Manager (RUP) aimed at developing a Design Guidance Document (DIP), updating the overall economic framework, and assisting the Embassy throughout the entire design phase.

#### **1. Subject**

Proposals must refer to the support service for the Project Manager (RUP in Italian acronym) to supplement the Feasibility Study that has already been prepared, transforming it into a Design Guidance Document (DIP in Italian acronym) to serve as the basis for the design competition; to update the overall financial framework; and to assist the Embassy throughout the entire design phase. The support provided to the RUP must include all the functions listed in Annex 1 (up to and including the design phase), assisting the Embassy throughout the entire design phase and updating the overall economic framework (construction work and related technical services)—an essential element of the support activities—in addition to preparing the DIP.

Specifically, the DIP must contain the following information:

- Analysis of the site conditions prior to the project, in accordance with current urban planning and cadastral regulations in Oman;
- Identification of the permits required from local authorities for the construction of the Embassy Buildings;
- Requirements and objectives of the project, both in terms of the size of the new Embassy Buildings and the functions of its various spaces. In this regard, the Preliminary Design Document (DIP) should include a preliminary floor plan to guide the design process, particularly given the unique characteristics of the Embassy Building in question as well as the safety requirements that must be met;
- Technical, technological, environmental, and safety requirements to be met, along with references to the relevant industry standards;
- Design phases to be developed and the corresponding schedule, including the timelines for construction work;
- List of professionals required on the design team (e.g., fire safety expert, structural engineer, BIM Manager...);
- List of documents to be prepared for each design phase;
- Guidelines regarding the contracting procedure, both for design and construction management services and for the construction work itself;
- List of award criteria.

The applicable regulations will be Ministerial Decree 192/2017 and European Directive 2014/24/EU, as well as the Public Contracts Code (Legislative Decree 36/2023, as amended) within the limits of the

## **UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION – in case of doubt the Italian version will prevail**

aforementioned Ministerial Decree and its subsequent amendments. Interested parties are invited to verify that they meet the requirements and are not subject to any disqualifications—including those that may arise in the future—regarding public contracts.

### **2. Entities eligible to express interest**

Economic operators may submit an expression of interest, provided they meet the following requirements at the time of application:

- The absence of grounds for exclusion as set forth in Articles 94 and 95 of Legislative Decree No. 36/2023 and/or any other situation that would result in exclusion from public procurement procedures and/or the inability to enter into contracts with the Public Administration;
- Appropriate professional qualifications, as evidenced by registration in professional registers or official lists within the scope of the respective professional competencies defined by the applicable local legal system, as well as licenses and certificates issued by the competent local authorities to operate in the sector throughout the territory of the Sultanate of Oman;
- Proven professionalism, reliability, and experience in the fields of architecture and/or engineering;

### **3. Submission of Expressions of Interest**

Economic operators may submit their expression of interest by sending their proposal to [contabilita.mascate@esteri.it](mailto:contabilita.mascate@esteri.it) with the following subject line: “Construction of the new Embassy Buildings in Muscat – Expression of interest in participating in the procedure regarding the design guidelines document to support the Project Manager,” along with the attached DUR and a photocopy of the signatory’s identification document.

The bid must include the bidder’s consent to the processing of their data, as well as personal data, in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 196/2003 and the General Data Protection Regulation. 196/2003 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679, for all procedural aspects (Annex 3).

**Expressions of interest must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. (Muscat time) on July 29, 2026.**

### **5. Exclusion from the evaluation process**

Expressions of interest will be excluded:

- received after the deadline specified above;
- incomplete with regard to the economic operator’s identification information, contact details, or professional qualifications;
- submitted by economic operators whose position or role is incompatible with the performance of the contract;

### **6. Procedures for Evaluating Expressions of Interest**

The Embassy evaluates bids of interest in accordance with the principles of cost-effectiveness, efficiency, fairness, impartiality, transparency, and proportionality.

### **7. Right to reject offers of interest**

Any offer may be rejected if:

- a) the conditions set forth in Article 2 are not met;
- b) the Embassy determines that the offer could create a conflict of interest with the Embassy’s activities and if it is deemed to violate Italian law.

**UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION – in case of doubt the Italian version will prevail**

The Embassy reserves the right, however, to suspend, modify, or cancel this exploratory notice and to discontinue the subsequent direct award procedure, without the applicants having any grounds for a claim, as well as to proceed with the award of the service even if only one valid bid is submitted.

Mascate, 29 giugno 2026

The Ambassador  
Pierluigi D'Elia