

Call for Historic Reconstruction Contractor

Position: Historic Reconstruction Contractor

Project: Bazar Abbas Recovery Lab of Port Said

Offered by: Middle East Cooperation Unit at the Chair of Landscape Architecture, Faculty VI of Brandenburg University of Technology

Duration: 6 months (extension possible for up to 2 years)

Start Date: as soon as possible

Application Deadline: 9 July 2025

Project Background

This tender concerns the second phase of the project titled “*Bazar Abbas – Recovery Lab of Port Said*”, funded by the British Council’s Cultural Protection Fund in partnership with the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. While the broader project focuses on the urban recovery of Port Said’s inner city, the current phase concentrates on stabilizing the structure of Bazar Abbas in preparation for future rehabilitation. This includes addressing critical structural issues and initiating targeted reconstruction efforts. These efforts include:

- **Reconstruction of the Roof**

As a critical protective element of Bazar Abbas, the roof is vital in preventing water damage, structural deterioration, and environmental exposure. Restoration efforts will focus on using historically accurate materials. Modern insulation and waterproofing techniques will be discreetly integrated to enhance durability while maintaining the building’s historical integrity. The current phase includes reconstruction of the southern wing and preparatory work on other parts of the roof for future project phases.

- **Reconstruction of the Staircase, Connecting Bridges, and the Back Terrace**

The restoration of the southern staircase, connecting bridges, and the back terrace will enhance accessibility to the rear wing of the building, an essential component for facilitating structural stabilization, roof reconstruction, and termite treatment. This intervention will not only improve functional connectivity but also contribute to the overall preservation and usability of the site.

Scope of Contractor Services

- Execute reconstruction works based on the preliminary project documentation and risk assessment provided.
- Collaborate closely with the appointed project consultant once engaged, adjusting methods and materials as needed to meet heritage conservation standards and regulatory requirements.
- Apply traditional craftsmanship techniques such as lime plastering, timber framing, and leaded glass work to reconstruct historic elements.
- Implement site protection measures to safeguard historic fabric throughout the construction process.
- Repair or stabilize original materials (stone, brick, wood, plaster, metal) following best conservation practices.
- Supply skilled labour and artisans experienced in heritage restoration.
- Provide regular progress updates and coordinate with project consultants and site engineers to ensure quality and compliance.

Further Points of Consideration

- A site visit will be arranged for shortlisted contractors to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the project scope. Accommodation expenses, if necessary, will be covered.
- A comprehensive work package—including detailed plans, 3D models, and a risk assessment—will be provided to shortlisted applicants. **Please note** that any use of these materials outside the scope of this project or without prior authorization will be subject to legal action.

Contractor Profile

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a legally registered entity (Egyptian or international) with a valid tax number.
- Be able to issue official stamped and signed invoices.
- Have at least 10 years of experience in implementing heritage reconstruction or conservation projects.
- Demonstrate capacity for technical and regulatory engagement in heritage contexts.

Application Process

- Interested applicants must submit an Expression of Interest via email, including:

1. A brief outline of proposed approach and framework
 2. A short CV
 3. A brief portfolio
- Shortlisted applicants will receive a work package and be invited to visit the site.
 - Shortlisted applicants must then submit a formal proposal, including:
 1. A concise technical approach outlining the proposed reconstruction methods and materials, based on the provided documentation and insights from the site visit. The approach should reflect sensitivity to the heritage context and comply with relevant conservation principles.
 2. A timeline and work plan
 3. A detailed fee proposal
 4. Contractor qualifications (CV and Portfolio)

Selection Process

1. Call for Tenders Published: 11.06.2025
2. Expression of Interest Deadline: 20.06.2025
3. Site visit for shortlisted applicants: 23 – 29.06.2025
4. Final Proposal Submission Deadline: 09.07.2025
5. Announcement of Results: 15.07.2025

Selection Criteria

- Relevant experience and qualifications
- Technical soundness
- Cost-effectiveness
- Compliance with the project goals and regulatory standards

Payment Terms

- 10% upon project initiation.
- Monthly progress payments based on invoiced work and certified progress reports by the consultant
- Final 20% upon successful completion and approval of all project deliverables.
- Payments will be made in EGP, benchmarked to Euro value at the time of submission.

If this job advertisement appeals to you, please send your expression of interest to Ms. Samar Abdelaal: abdelsam@b-tu.de.