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FP802-140006

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Subject: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: FP802-140006 HEAVY LIFT TRANSPORT OF TWO MID-SHORE PATRON VESSELS TO THE PACIFIC COAST

ADDENDUM NO. 6

Further to the above mentioned Request for Proposal documentation previously posted on the Government Electronic Tendering Site (GETS) Addendum (#6) is hereby issued.

Question 1:

Please indicate the expected award date for this contract.

Answer 1:

The Department does not have a defined date for tender award but is hoping to have the tender awarded in October.

Question 2:

I think it is imperative that we address the form of agreement (contract) the shipowner may insist upon should their response to your Request for Proposal (RFP) tick all the right boxes. The present format of the RFP suggests it will become the "contract" going forward. Without belaboring the point the fact of the matter is the RFP does not address the fundamentals of an ocean going ship voyage. I am fairly confident most shipowners would insist on an addendum to your RFP incorporating the standardly accepted charter party terms (contract) of course always open to discussion re inclusions and exclusions. As mentioned we have done substantial business with the Department of National Defence and there has never been an issue in their acceptance of market accepted ocean transport contracts. Lastly and just for clarification I fully understand the Canadian Coast Guard is not asking for a ship charter per se but rather a "rate" to move 2 Patrol Vessels. At the end of the day because of Canadian Flag issues this will become a ship charter. Having said that and notwithstanding the contractual mechanisms I have alluded to re a ship charter scenario the same mechanisms would also apply to a part charter voyage.

Could you confirm if the Canadian Government / Coast Guard is receptive to an addendum to your RFP?



Answer 2:

No, the Canadian government does not require that the final contract takes the form of a charter, but it is open to proposals that may refer to the successful bidder to comply with the announced intentions of this RFP.

Question 3:

Will we have access to the Victoria CCG dock for the unloading activities?

Answer 3:

Yes, access will be granted to the Victoria CCG dock if your vessel will fit.

Yours truly, **Natasha Blackstein** Contracting Officer, Materiel and Procurement Services