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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DEMANDE DE PROPOSITION

Proposal to: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

We hereby offer to sell to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein, referred to herein or attached hereto, the goods and services listed herein and on any attached sheets at the price(s) set out therefor.

Proposition à : Pêches et Océans Canada

Nous offrons par la présente de vendre à Sa Majesté la Reine du chef du Canada, aux conditions énoncées ou incluses par référence dans la présente et aux appendices ci-jointes, les biens et les services énumérés ici sur toute feuille ci-annexée, au(x) prix indiqué(s).

Title / Titre Lobster and Rock Crab Diet Study Vessel Charter		Date September 17, 2021	
Solicitation No. / No. 30001087	de l'invitation		
Client Reference N 30001087	Client Reference No. / No. de référence du client(e) 30001087		
Solicitation Closes / L'invitation prend fin At /à: 2:00PM ADT (Atlantic Daylight Time) / HAA (Heure Avancée de l'Atlantique) On / le: October 05, 2021			
F.O.B. / F.A.B. Destination			
Destination of Goods and Services / Destinations des biens et services See herein — Voir ci-inclus			
Instructions See herein — Voir ci-inclus			
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Delivery Required / Livraison exigée See herein — Voir en ceci	Delivery Offered / Livraison proposée	
Vendor Name, Address and Representative / Nom du vendeur, adresse et représentant du fournisseur/de l'entrepreneur		
Telephone No. / No. de téléphone	Facsimile No. / No. de télécopieur	
Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of Vendor (type or print) / Nom et titre de la personne autorisée à signer au nom du fournisseur (taper ou écrire en caractères d'imprimerie)		
Signature	Date	

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PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 **Security Requirements**

There is no security requirement associated with this bid solicitation

1.2 Statement of Work

The Work to be performed is detailed under Annex A of the resulting contract clauses.

1.3 **Debriefings**

Bidders may request a debriefing on the results of the bid solicitation process. Bidders should make the request to the Contracting Authority within 15 working days from receipt of the results of the bid solicitation process. The debriefing may be in writing or by telephone.

1.4 **Trade Agreements**

The requirement is subject to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

PART 2 - BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

As this solicitation is issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), any reference to Public Works and Government Services Canada or PWGSC or its Minister contained in any term, condition or clause of this solicitation, including any individual SACC clauses incorporated by reference, will be interpreted as reference to DFO or its Minister.

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the bid solicitation by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditionsmanual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Bidders who submit a bid agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the bid solicitation and accept the clauses and conditions of the resulting contract.

The 2003 (2020-05-28) Standard Instructions - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the bid solicitation.

2.2 Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted by the date, time and place indicated on page 1 of the bid solicitation.

Due to the nature of the bid solicitation, bids transmitted by facsimile to DFO will not be accepted.

2.3 **Enquiries - Bid Solicitation**

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Contracting Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the bid closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Bidders should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the bid solicitation to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by bidders to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the question(s) or may request that the Bidder do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question(s) is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered to all bidders. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all bidders may not be answered by Canada.

2.4 **Applicable Laws**

Any resulting contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in **Prince Edward Island**.

Bidders may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their bid, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the Bidders.

2.5 Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms

- (a) Several mechanisms are available to potential suppliers to challenge aspects of the procurement process up to and including contract award.
- (b) Canada encourages suppliers to first bring their concerns to the attention of the Contracting Authority. Canada's <u>Buy and Sell</u> website, under the heading "<u>Bid Challenge and Recourse Mechanisms</u>" contains information on potential complaint bodies such as:
 - Office of the Procurement Ombudsman (OPO)
 - Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)
- (c) Suppliers should note that there are **strict deadlines** for filing complaints, and the time periods vary depending on the complaint body in question. Suppliers should therefore act quickly when they want to challenge any aspect of the procurement process.

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PART 3 - BID PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 **Bid Preparation Instructions**

Canada requests that the Bidder submit all its email bid in separately saved sections as follows and prior to the bid closing date, time and location:

Section I: **Technical Bid** (one soft copy in PDF format)

Section II: Financial Bid (one soft copy in PDF format)

Section III: **Certifications** (one soft copy in PDF format)

Important Note:

The maximum size per email (including attachments) is limited to 10MB. If the limit is exceeded, your email might not be received by DFO. It is suggested that you compress the email size to ensure delivery. Bidders are responsible to send their proposal and to allow enough time for DFO to receive the proposal by the closing period indicated in the RFP. Emails with links to bid documents will not be accepted.

For bids transmitted by email, DFO will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the email bid. DFO will send a confirmation email to the Bidders when the submission is received.

Prices must appear in the financial bid only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the bid.

Section I: **Technical Bid**

In their technical bid, Bidders should explain and demonstrate how they propose to meet the requirements and how they will carry out the Work.

Section II: Financial Bid

Bidders must submit their financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Payment in Annex "B".

Section III: Certifications

Bidders must submit the certifications and additional information required under Part 5.

PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

4.1 **Evaluation Procedures**

- Bids will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the bid solicitation (a) including the technical and financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the bids.

4.1.1 **Technical Evaluation**

4.1.1.1 Mandatory Technical Criteria

Refer to Annex "D".

4.1.1.2 Point Rated Technical Criteria

Refer to Annex "D".

4.1.2 **Financial Evaluation**

SACC Manual Clause A0220T (2014-06-26), Evaluation of Price-Bid

4.2 **Basis of Selection**

4.2.1 Highest Combined Rating of Technical Merit and Price - A0027T (2012-07-16)

- 1. To be declared responsive, a bid must:
 - a. comply with all the requirements of the bid solicitation; and
 - b. meet all mandatory criteria; and
 - c. obtain the required minimum of **5** points overall for the technical evaluation criteria which are subject to point rating. The rating is performed on a scale of 10 points.
- 2. Bids not meeting (a) or (b) or (c) will be declared non-responsive.
- 3. The selection will be based on the highest responsive combined rating of technical merit and price. The ratio will be 70% for the technical merit and 30% for the price.
- 4. To establish the technical merit score, the overall technical score for each responsive bid will be determined as follows: total number of points obtained / maximum number of points available multiplied by the ratio of 70%.
- 5. To establish the pricing score, each responsive bid will be prorated against the lowest evaluated price and the ratio of 30%.
- For each responsive bid, the technical merit score and the pricing score will be 6. added to determine its combined rating.
- Neither the responsive bid obtaining the highest technical score nor the one with 7. the lowest evaluated price will necessarily be accepted. The responsive bid with

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the highest combined rating of technical merit and price will be recommended for award of a contract.

The table below illustrates an example where all three bids are responsive and the selection of the contractor is determined by a 70/30 ratio of technical merit and price, respectively. The total available points equal 135 and the lowest evaluated price is \$45,000 (45).

Basis of Selection - Highest Combined Rating Technical Merit (70%) and Price (30%)				
		Bidder 1	Bidder 2	Bidder 3
Overall Technical Score		115/135	89/135	92/135
Bid Evaluated Price		\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00
Calculations	Technical Merit Score	115/135 x 70 = 59.63	89/135 x 70 = 46.15	92/135 x 70 = 47.70
Pricing Score		45/55 x 30 = 24.55	45/50 x 30 = 27.00	45/45 x 30 = 30.00
Combined Rating		84.18	73.15	77.70
Overall Rating		1st	3rd	2nd

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PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS

Bidders must provide the required certifications and additional information to be awarded a contract.

The certifications provided by Bidders to Canada are subject to verification by Canada at all times. Unless specified otherwise. Canada will declare a bid non-responsive, or will declare a contractor in default if any certification made by the Bidder is found to be untrue whether made knowingly or unknowingly, during the bid evaluation period or during the contract period.

The Contracting Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify the Bidder's certifications. Failure to comply and to cooperate with any request or requirement imposed by the Contracting Authority will render the bid non-responsive or constitute a default under the Contract.

5.1 Certifications Required with the Bid

Bidders must submit the following duly completed certifications as part of their bid.

Integrity Provisions - Declaration of Convicted Offences 5.1.1

In accordance with the Integrity Provisions of the Standard Instructions, all bidders must provide with their bid, if applicable, the declaration form available on the Forms for the Integrity Regime website (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/declaration-eng.html), to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

5.1.2 Status and Availability of Resources

The Bidder certifies that, should it be awarded a contract as a result of the bid solicitation, every individual proposed in its bid will be available to perform the Work as required by Canada's representatives and at the time specified in the bid solicitation or agreed to with Canada's representatives. If for reasons beyond its control, the Bidder is unable to provide the services of an individual named in its bid, the Bidder may propose a substitute with similar qualifications and experience. The Bidder must advise the Contracting Authority of the reason for the substitution and provide the name. qualifications and experience of the proposed replacement. For the purposes of this clause, only the following reasons will be considered as beyond the control of the Bidder: death, sickness, maternity and parental leave, retirement, resignation, dismissal for cause or termination of an agreement for default.

If the Bidder has proposed any individual who is not an employee of the Bidder, the Bidder certifies that it has the permission from that individual to propose his/her services in relation to the Work to be performed and to submit his/her résumé to Canada. The Bidder must, upon request from the Contracting Authority, provide a written confirmation, signed by the individual, of the permission given to the Bidder and of his/her availability. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

5.1.3 **Education and Experience**

The Bidder certifies that all the information provided in the résumés and supporting material submitted with its bid, particularly the information pertaining to education, achievements, experience and work history, has been verified by the Bidder to be true and accurate. Furthermore, the Bidder warrants that every individual proposed by the Bidder for the requirement is capable of performing the Work described in the resulting contract.

5.1.6

5.1.4 List of Names for Integrity Verification Form

> Bidders must complete the List of Names for Integrity Verification form found in Attachment 1 to Part 5.

5.1.5 **Contractor's Representative**

The Co	ntractor's Representative for the Contract is:
Name: Title: Address	S:
Telepho Facsimi E-mail:	
Supple	mentary Contractor Information
and age	nt to paragraph 221 (1)(d) of the Income Tax Act, payments made by departments encies under applicable services contracts (including contracts involving a mix of and services) must be reported on a T4-A supplementary slip.
Contrac	ole the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to comply with this requirement, the ctor hereby agrees to provide the following information which it certifies to be complete, and fully discloses the identification of this Contractor:
a)	The legal name of the entity or individual, as applicable (the name associated with the Social Insurance Number (SIN) or Business Number (BN), as well as the address and the postal code:
b)	The status of the contractor (individual, unincorporated business, corporation or partnership:
c)	For individuals and unincorporated businesses, the contractor's SIN and, if applicable, the BN, or if applicable, the Goods and Services Tax (GST)/Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) number:
d)	For corporations, the BN, or if this is not available, the GST/HST number. If there is no BN or GST/HST number, the T2 Corporation Tax number must be shown:

Former Public Servant 5.1.7

Contracts awarded to former public servants (FPS) in receipt of a pension or of a lump sum payment must bear the closest public scrutiny, and reflect fairness in the spending of public funds. In order to comply with Treasury Board policies and directives on contracts awarded to FPSs, bidders must provide the information required below before contract award. If the answer to the questions and, as applicable the information required have not been received by the time the evaluation of bids is completed, Canada will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to comply with Canada's request and meet the requirement within the prescribed time frame will render the bid non-responsive.

Definitions

For the purposes of this clause, "former public servant" is any former member of a department as defined in the Financial Administration Act, R.S., 1985, c. F-11, a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces or a former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A former public servant may be:

- a. an individual;
- b. an individual who has incorporated;
- c. a partnership made of former public servants; or
- d. a sole proprietorship or entity where the affected individual has a controlling or majority interest in the entity.

"lump sum payment period" means the period measured in weeks of salary, for which payment has been made to facilitate the transition to retirement or to other employment as a result of the implementation of various programs to reduce the size of the Public Service. The lump sum payment period does not include the period of severance pay, which is measured in a like manner.

"pension" means a pension or annual allowance paid under the Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA), R.S., 1985, c. P-36, and any increases paid pursuant to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, R.S., 1985, c. S-24 as it affects the PSSA. It does not include pensions payable pursuant to the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c. C-17, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c. D-3, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, 1970, c. R-10, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, R.S., 1985, c. R-11, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, R.S. 1985, c. M-5, and that portion of pension payable to the Canada Pension Plan Act, R.S., 1985, c. C-8.

Former Public Servant in Receipt of a Pension

As per the above definitions, is the Bidder a FPS in receipt of a pension?

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information, for all FPSs in receipt of a pension, as applicable:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. date of termination of employment or retirement from the Public Service.

By providing this information, Bidders agree that the successful Bidder's status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a pension, will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports in

accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 and the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.

Work Force Adjustment Directive

Is the Bidder a FPS who received a lump	sum payment pursuant to the terms of the
Work Force Adjustment Directive?	

Yes () No ()

If so, the Bidder must provide the following information:

- a. name of former public servant;
- b. conditions of the lump sum payment incentive;
- c. date of termination of employment;
- d. amount of lump sum payment;
- e. rate of pay on which lump sum payment is based;
- period of lump sum payment including start date, end date and number of weeks;

For all contracts awarded during the lump sum payment period, the total amount of fees that may be paid to a FPS who received a lump sum payment is \$5,000, including

g. number and amount (professional fees) of other contracts subject to the restrictions of a work force adjustment program.

Applicable	Taxes.
Print Name	
Signature	
The following certi	ification signed by the contractor or an authorized officer:
'I certify that I have	examined the information provided above and that it is correct and complete"
Signature	
Print Name of Signa	atory

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5.2 Certifications Precedent to Contract Award and Additional Information

The certifications and additional information listed below should be submitted with the bid, but may be submitted afterwards. If any of these required certifications or additional information is not completed and submitted as requested, the Contracting Authority will inform the Bidder of a time frame within which to provide the information. Failure to provide the certifications or the additional information listed below within the time frame provided will render the bid non-responsive.

5.2.1 Integrity Provisions – Required Documentation

In accordance with the section titled Information to be provided when bidding, contracting or entering into a real procurement agreement of the Ineligibility and Suspension Policy (http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ci-if/politique-policy-eng.html), the Bidder must provide the required documentation, as applicable, to be given further consideration in the procurement process.

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ATTACHMENT 1 TO PART 5 LIST OF NAMES FOR INTEGRITY VERIFICATION FORM

Requirements

Section 17 of the *Ineligibility and Suspension Policy* (the Policy) requires suppliers, regardless of their status under the Policy, to submit a list of names with their bid or offer. The required list differs depending on the bidder or offeror's organizational structure:

- Suppliers including those bidding as joint ventures, whether incorporated or not, must provide a complete list of the names of all current directors.
- Privately owned corporations must provide a list of the owners' names.
- Suppliers bidding as sole proprietors, including sole proprietors bidding as joint ventures, whether incorporated or not, must provide a complete list of the names of all owners.
- Suppliers that are a partnership do not need to provide a list of names.

Suppliers may use this form to provide the required list of names with their bid or offer submission. Failure to submit this information with a bid or offer, where required, will render a bid or offer non-responsive, or the supplier otherwise disgualified for award of a contract or real property agreement. Please refer to Information Bulletin: Required information to submit a bid or offer for additional details.

List of names for integrity verification form

PART 6 - RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from the bid solicitation.

6.1 **Security Requirements**

There is no security requirement applicable to the Contract.

6.2 Statement of Work

The Work to be performed is detailed under Annex A of the resulting contract clauses.

6.3 Standard Clauses and Conditions

As this contract is issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), any reference to Public Works and Government Services Canada or PWGSC or its Minister contained in any term, condition or clause of this contract, including any individual SACC clauses incorporated by reference, will be interpreted as reference to DFO or its Minister.

All clauses and conditions identified in the Contract by number, date and title are set out in the Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual (https://buvandsell.gc.ca/policy-andguidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

General Conditions 6.3.1

- 6.3.1.1 2010B (2020-05-28), General Conditions Professional Services (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.
- 6.3.2.1 Subsection 10 of 2010B (2020-05-28), General Conditions Professional Services (Medium Complexity) - Invoice submission, is amended as follows:

Delete: 2010B 10 (2020-05-28), Invoice submission

Invoice submission Insert:

- 1. Invoices must be submitted in the Contractor's name to DFO.invoicing-facturation.MPO@canada.ca. The Contractor must submit invoices for each delivery or shipment; invoices must only apply to the Contract. Each invoice must indicate whether it covers partial or final delivery.
- 2. Invoices must show:
 - a. Contractor's Name and remittance physical address:
 - b. Contractor's CRA Business Number or Procurement Business Number (PBN);
 - c. Invoice Date:
 - d. Invoice Number:
 - e. Invoice Amount (broken down into item and tax amounts):
 - f. Invoice Currency (if not in Canadian dollars);
 - g. DFO Reference Number (PO Number or other valid reference number);

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- h. DFO Contact Name ((to be inserted at Contract award). Note: Invoice will be return to the Contractor if that information is not provided);
- Description of the goods or services supplied (provide details of expenditures (such as item, quantity, unit of issue, fixed time labour rates and level of effort, subcontracts, as applicable) in accordance with the Basis of Payment, exclusive of Applicable Taxes;
- Deduction for holdback, if applicable;
- k. The extension of the totals, if applicable; and
- If applicable, the method of shipment together with date, case numbers and part or reference numbers, shipment charges and any other additional charges.
- 3. Applicable Taxes must be specified on all invoices as a separate item along with corresponding registration numbers from the tax authorities. All items that are zero-rated, exempt or to which Applicable Taxes do not apply, must be identified as such on all invoices.
- 4. By submitting an invoice, the Contractor certifies that the invoice is consistent with the Work delivered and is in accordance with the Contract.

6.4 **Term of Contract**

6.4.1 **Period of the Contract**

The period of the Contract is from date of Contract to May 31, 2022 inclusive.

6.4.2 **Option to Extend the Contract**

The Contractor grants to Canada the irrevocable option to extend the term of the Contract by up to three (3) additional one (1) year period(s) under the same conditions. The Contractor agrees that, during the extended period of the Contract, it will be paid in accordance with the applicable provisions as set out in the Basis of Payment.

Canada may exercise this option at any time by sending a written notice to the Contractor at least fifteen (15) calendar days before the expiry date of the Contract. The option may only be exercised by the Contracting Authority, and will be evidenced for administrative purposes only, through a contract amendment.

Authorities 6.5

Contracting Authority 6.5.1

The Contracting Authority for the Contract is:

Name: Lauren Vandenborre Title: Contracting Officer

Fisheries and Oceans Canada Department: Directorate: Material and Procurement Services

Address: 301 Bishop Drive, Fredericton NB, E3C 2M6

Telephone: 506-470-6349 Facsimile: 506-452-3676

E-mail address: Lauren.Vandenborre@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

6.5.2

Scientific Authority (to be inserted at Contract award)
The Scientific Authority for the Contract is:
Name:
The Scientific Authority is the representative of the department or agency for whom the Work is being carried out under the Contract and is responsible for all matters concerning the technical content of the Work under the Contract. Technical matters may be discussed with the Scientific Authority, however the Scientific Authority has no authority to authorize changes to the scope of the Work. Changes to the scope of the Work can only be made through a contract amendment issued by the Contracting Authority.
Contractor's Representative (to be inserted at Contract award)
The Contractor's Representative for the Contract is:
Name:
in Disclosure of Contracts with Former Dublic Company

6.6 **Proactive Disclosure of Contracts with Former Public Servants**

By providing information on its status, with respect to being a former public servant in receipt of a Public Service Superannuation Act (PSSA) pension, the Contractor has agreed that this information will be reported on departmental websites as part of the published proactive disclosure reports, in accordance with Contracting Policy Notice: 2012-2 of the Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada.

6.7 **Payment**

6.5.3

6.7.1 **Basis of Payment**

In consideration of the Contractor satisfactorily completing all of its obligations under the Contract, the Contractor will be paid a firm price, as specified in Annex "B" for a cost of

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(to be inserted at Contract award). Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

Canada will not pay the Contractor for any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, unless they have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work.

6.7.2 **Limitation of Expenditure**

- 1. Canada's total liability to the Contractor under the Contract must not exceed \$ (to be inserted at Contract award). Customs duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.
- 2. No increase in the total liability of Canada or in the price of the Work resulting from any design changes, modifications or interpretations of the Work, will be authorized or paid to the Contractor unless these design changes, modifications or interpretations have been approved, in writing, by the Contracting Authority before their incorporation into the Work. The Contractor must not perform any work or provide any service that would result in Canada's total liability being exceeded before obtaining the written approval of the Contracting Authority. The Contractor must notify the Contracting Authority in writing as to the adequacy of this sum:
 - a. when it is 75% committed, or
 - b. four months before the contract expiry date, or
 - c. as soon as the Contractor considers that the contract funds provided are inadequate for the completion of the Work,

whichever comes first.

3. If the notification is for inadequate contract funds, the Contractor must provide to the Contracting Authority a written estimate for the additional funds required. Provision of such information by the Contractor does not increase Canada's liability.

Methods of Payment 6.7.3

6.7.3.1 Multiple Payments

Canada will pay the Contractor upon completion and delivery of units in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- a. an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- b. all such documents have been verified by Canada;
- c. the Work delivered has been accepted by Canada.

6.7.4 **Electronic Payment of Invoices – Contract**

The Contractor accepts to be paid using any of the following Electronic Payment Instrument(s):

- i. Acquisition Card:
- ii. Direct Deposit (Domestic and International)

6.8 **Invoicing Instructions**

6.8.1 Payments will be made provided that:

6.8.1.1 The invoice(s) must be emailed to DFO Accounts Payable, at the email address indicated below:

Email: DFO.invoicing-facturation.MPO@canada.ca CC AP Coder: (to be inserted at Contract award)

6.9 **Certifications and Additional Information**

6.9.1 Compliance

Unless specified otherwise, the continuous compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid or precedent to contract award, and the ongoing cooperation in providing additional information are conditions of the Contract and failure to comply will constitute the Contractor in default. Certifications are subject to verification by Canada during the entire period of the Contract.

6.9.2 **Certifications - Contract**

Compliance with the certifications provided by the Contractor in its bid is a condition of the Contract and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Contract. If the Contractor does not comply with any certification or it is determined that any certification made by the Contractor in its bid is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right, pursuant to the default provision of the Contract, to terminate the Contract for default.

6.10 Applicable Laws

The Contract must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in **Prince Edward Island**.

6.11 **Priority of Documents**

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- (a) the Articles of Agreement;
- (b) the general conditions 2010B (2020-05-28), General Conditions Professional Services (Medium Complexity):
- (c) Annex A. Statement of Work:
- (d) Annex B, Basis of Payment;
- (e) Annex C, Insurance Conditions;
- (f) the Contractor's bid dated (to be inserted at Contract award)

6.12 Insurance - Specific Requirements G1001C (2013-11-06)

The Contractor must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Annex C. The Contractor must maintain the required insurance coverage for the duration of the Contract.

Compliance with the insurance requirements does not release the Contractor from or reduce its liability under the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for deciding if additional insurance coverage is necessary to fulfill its obligation under the Contract and to ensure compliance with any applicable law. Any additional insurance coverage is at the Contractor's expense, and for its own benefit and protection.

The Contractor must forward to the Contracting Authority within ten (10) days after the date of award of the Contract, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance coverage and confirming that the insurance policy complying with the requirements is in force. For Canadianbased Contractors, coverage must be placed with an Insurer licensed to carry out business in Canada, however, for Foreign-based Contractors; coverage must be placed with an Insurer with an A.M. Best Rating no less than "A-". The Contractor must, if requested by the Contracting Authority, forward to Canada a certified true copy of all applicable insurance policies.

6.13 **Vessel Condition**

The Contractor warrants that the vessel provided to Canada is mechanically sound, completely seaworthy, equipped with readily accessible lifesaving equipment, will be adequately manned and in full compliance with the Canada Shipping Act, S.C. 2001, c. 26.

6.14 **SACC Manual Clauses**

SACC Manual clause A7017C (2008-05-12) Replacement of Specific Individuals SACC Manual clause A8501C (2014-06-26) Vessel Charter - Contract

6.15 **Dispute Resolution**

- (a) The parties agree to maintain open and honest communication about the Work throughout and after the performance of the contract.
- (b) The parties agree to consult and co-operate with each other in the furtherance of the contract and promptly notify the other party or parties and attempt to resolve problems or differences that may arise.
- (c) If the parties cannot resolve a dispute through consultation and cooperation, the parties agree to consult a neutral third party offering alternative dispute resolution services to attempt to address the dispute.
- (d) Options of alternative dispute resolution services can be found on Canada's Buy and Sell website under the heading "Dispute Resolution".

ANNEX "A" STATEMENT OF WORK

1.0 Title

Lobster and Rock Crab Diet Study Vessel Charter.

2.0 Objective

The objective of the project is to complete one to four days of sample collection (e.g. lobster, rock crab, fish) within a defined study project area in Lobster Fishing Area (LFA) below:

LFA 24 LFA 26A

3.0 LFA 24 (Project #1)

Contract Period

The work will be performed between October 12 and October 22, 2021.

The vessel must be available to start work at 6:00 a.m. on October 12, 2021. The contractor will be informed of the exact start date with a minimum notice of 3 days. The work period will consist of four continuous days beginning no earlier than October 12 and ending no later than October 22.

***For both projects the period of one work day may extend from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (all sampling activities must occur during civil twilight). The daily working hours are usually 8 to 10 hours but can be up to 12 hours.

Contract Area of Operation

The work will be conducted in LFA 24, in the southern Gulf of Saint Lawrence (see figure 1). The work will be completed as day trips and the berthing port for loading and unloading the vessel at the beginning and at the end of each day and at the end of this project will be Alberton, PEI.

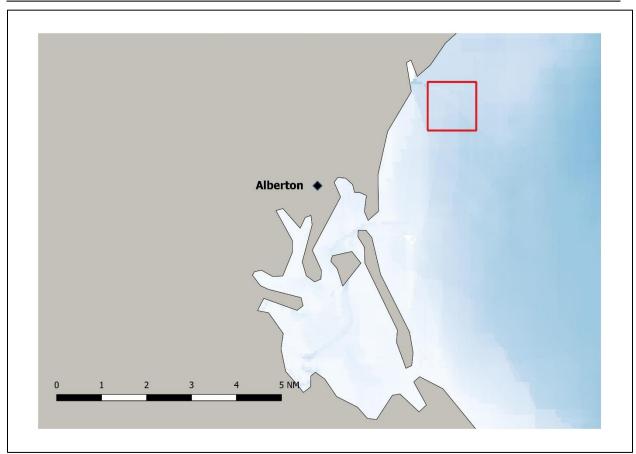


Figure 1. Location of study area in LFA 24.

Work Requirements

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada requires the Contractor to provide the following:

- For up to four days at sea, serve as a work platform for DFO science staff. The work will include being in communication with the DFO dive team that will be completing dive collections and dive transects in the study area and approaching the DFO dive vessel to retrieve samples collected by the dive team. The number of work days will be weather dependent, and determined by the chief scientist in consultation with the captain.
- At-sea activities include biological measurements of captured lobster and rock crab of all sizes and of by-catch species (sorting and counting of by-catch species group).
- Personnel (one captain (1) and at least one (1) crew member) must assist DFO scientific representatives.
- The Scientific Authority from DFO on board will collect and freeze lobsters, rock crabs, as well as other marine species, for biological studies.

4.0 LFA 26A (Project #2)

Contract Period

The work will be performed between October 4 and October 15, 2021.

The vessel must be available to start work at 6:00 a.m. on October 4, 2021. The contractor will be informed of the exact start date with a minimum notice of 3 days. The work period will consist of four continuous days beginning no earlier than October 4 and ending no later than October 15.

***For both projects the period of one work day may extend from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (all sampling activities must occur during civil twilight). The daily working hours are usually 8 to 10 hours but can be up to 12 hours.

Contract Area of Operation

The work will be conducted in LFA 26A, in the southern Gulf of Saint Lawrence (see figure 2). The work will be completed as day trips and the berthing port for loading and unloading the vessel at the beginning and at the end of each day and at the end of this project will be Nine Mile Creek, PEI.

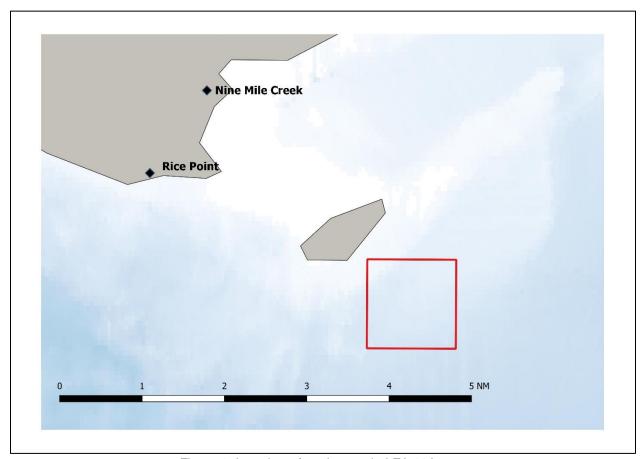


Figure 2. Location of study area in LFA 26A.

Work Requirements

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada requires the Contractor to provide the followina:

- For up to four days at sea, use a beam trawl to collect marine species, including lobster and rock crab, within a defined study area. The work will include being in communication with the DFO dive team that will be completing dive collections and dive transects in the study area and approaching the DFO dive vessel to retrieve samples collected by the dive team. The number of work days will be weather dependent, and determined by the chief scientist in consultation with the captain.
- -The beam trawl is a 4.2 m beam trawl with 45 mm netting and a 12 mm liner. The beam trawl will be provided by DFO.
- At-sea activities include beam trawling, biological measurements of captured lobster and rock crab of all sizes and of by-catch species (sorting and counting of by-catch species or species group).
- Personnel (one captain (1) and at least one (1) crew member) must assist DFO scientific representatives.
- The Scientific Authority from DFO on board will collect and freeze lobsters, rock crabs, as well as other marine species, for biological studies.

Contractor Obligations

- The crew and captain will be able to complete minor repairs to the beam trawl (e.g. fix tears) on board the vessel and at the wharf (repair materials will be provided by DFO). Beam trawl and material for beam trawl repair will be provided by DFO.

5.0 Methods and Source of Acceptance

Work will be deemed acceptable provided the above described activities are completed according to established protocols and all data recorded within the given time-frame (the success will be determined by the DFO scientist-in charge onboard).

6.0 **Project Management Control Procedures**

The Scientific Authority of the crown will communicate in writing with the supplier if any of the requirements of the contract are not being satisfactorily met.

7.0 **Change Management Procedures**

The Contracting Authority is responsible for the management of the Contract and any changes to the Contract must be agreed upon by the Scientific Authority and the Contractor. The Contracting Authority will then create and send a contract amendment containing the changes to the Contractor for signature. The Contractor must not perform work in excess of or outside the scope of the Contract based on verbal or written request or instructions from anybody other than the Contracting Authority.

8.0 **Ownership of Intellectual Property**

All data will be the property of the crown without exception. Delivery of goods/services does not

lead to the creation of intellectual property.

9.0 **DFO Obligations:**

DFO chief scientist will provide and deliver to the vessel all required fishing and sampling equipment, as per this statement of work.

10.0 **Contractor Obligations:**

10.1 **Vessel requirements:**

- The contractor shall ensure that the vessel is seaworthy, the main engine, equipment and fishing gear, are in good operating condition. The vessel must have sufficient room for the work planned and be equipped with adequate mechanical and electronic navigation equipment as well as the survival equipment set out in the Canada Shipping Act.
- Maintain, throughout the contract period, all certificates, lifesaving equipment and apparatus as required by The Canada Shipping Act and pursuant regulations.
- The vessel will provide fuel for trips.
- The vessel and crew will be ready on three days' notice within the contract period.

Note: A visit of the vessel by DFO scientific members could take place if deemed necessary.

10.2 **Master and Crew requirements:**

- A captain and at least one (1) qualified and experienced crew member will be required during the entire study who are able to assist DFO scientific personnel during sampling and data collection. DFO representatives must not be included when determining crew requirements.
- The same crew members must be available for the entire survey. If the Contractor is unable to provide the services of any specific individual identified in the contract, it must provide a replacement with similar qualifications and experience and give a minimum 2 week notice to the Contracting Authority with proof of equivalency.

11.0 Additional requirements and conditions

- Although the captain is in charge at all times, he/she shall comply with the instructions of DFO Scientific Authority provided the safety of the vessel and the crew members is not compromised.
- The captain and crew member must provide a healthy work environment, smoke free (inside the vessel) and respectful. Any physical, verbal or psychological harassment from the captain, crew member or contractor will not be tolerated.
- The captain of the vessel must keep a daily log of operations and activities on board the vessel, both at sea and in port, and shall allow access to the log by the DFO Scientific Authority at all times.

- The captain shall provide all possible cooperation and assistance to the DFO Scientific Authority with regards to the gathering, preparation and updating of documents concerning the specific sites sampled and the species and quantities of fish and invertebrates caught.
- No commercial fishing activities shall be conducted during the period set aside for the study. The captain may not take advantage of the research survey to do any commercial fishing.

12.0 Sampling and catches

Any catches become the exclusive property of DFO for research purposes. Neither the captain, crew nor DFO representatives may keep or consume any part of the catch.

13.0 Language of Work

Work can be carried out in a French speaking or English speaking environment.

14.0 **Special Requirements**

Work will be performed under a Section 52 Science fishing license accompanied by a Gulf Region Fisheries Research Notice maintained by the chief scientist on behalf of DFO. A copy of the license will be given to the captain by the chief scientist and must be kept onboard for the duration of the contract.

15.0 **Travel and Living**

There is no provision for travel and/or living expenses under this contract.

16.0 **COVID-19 Restrictions**

All DFO staff and vessel crew will comply with the PEI COVID-19 safety guidelines and regulations in place at the time of the project.

A	NNEX "A-1" Charter Vo	essel Application Form	
The marine vessel	CFV	#	is hereby offered
The marine vessel for charter by the undersigned up below:	on terms and conditions	as indicated within Statement	of Work and
1. Owner (s)			
Name (s)	Address	Phone	
0.0.1			
2. Captain Name			
Name			
Address			
Phone			
MED Certifications (list)			
Experience for the following:			
a) Fishing gear (type and			
seasons' experience)			
b) Commercially fished			
species (state species fished)			
d) Vessels (state name of			
vessels as captain)			
e) Fishing area in the sGSL			
e) Ports in sGSL (state ports			
berthed)			
3. Vessel Crew			
Crew Complement			
Set Rotating			
Crew member 1 (required)			
Name			
Address			
Phone			
MED Certifications (list, if ap	policable)		
a. Fishing gear (repairs, exp	-		
and number of seasons)			
b. Commercially fished spec	cies		
(state fished species)			

3. Description of Vessel

Registration number	
Length (feet)	
Beam (feet)	
Draft (feet)	
Gross tonnage	
Registered tonnage	
Voyage class	
Name and engine type	
Engine horsepower	
Fuel capacity (litres/days, state	
both)	
Cruising speed (knots)	
Life rafts (type, #, capacity of each)	
Year constructed	
Construction material	
Toilet (s) (state #)	

Location of Vessel	(for inspection)	:
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4. Master/Vessel

Equipment	Make	Model et specifications
Depth Sounder (s)		
Radar 1		
Radar 2		
VHF Radios		
DGPS/plotter		
Navigation Software		
Others		

^{*}Captain must be present at time of inspection by DFO Science

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ANNEX "B" BASIS OF PAYMENT

The Contractor will be paid all-inclusive rates as follows, for work performed in accordance with the Annex "A" Statement of work. Customs and duties are included and Applicable Taxes are extra.

LFA 24 (Project # 1)

Firm Contract Period: from Contract Award to May 31, 2022

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price
		Α	В	(AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Option period 1: June 01, 2022 to May 31, 2023

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price
		Α	В	(AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Option period 2: June 01, 2023 to May 31, 2024

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price
		Α	В	(AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Option period 3: June 01, 2024 to May 31, 2025

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price (AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

LFA 26A (Project # 2)

Firm Contract Period: from Contract Award to May 31, 2022

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price (AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Option period 1: June 01, 2022 to May 31, 2023

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price (AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Option period 2: June 01, 2023 to May 31, 202

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price (AxB)
		, ,		(100)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

Option period 3: June 01, 2024 to May 31, 2025

No.	Description:	All-inclusive daily rate at sea	Number of days	Extended Price
		Α	В	(AxB)
1	Vessel Charter	\$	4	\$
	\$			
	\$			
	\$			

For evaluation purposes each project will be evaluated as follows:

-irm perioa: \$	(excluding taxes)
+ Option year 1: \$	(excluding taxes)
+ Option year 2: \$	(excluding taxes)
+ Option year 3: \$	(excluding taxes)
= Total (firm period +	Option year 1 + Option year 2 + Option year 3)
\$	excluding taxes)

Notes: The submissions must include all the functioning and operating costs of the vessel (personnel (captain and 1 crew), vessel maintenance and repair costs, and fuel).

Payment will be made based on the number of days working at sea. To compensate for bad weather days, meaning a day where work at sea cannot be performed due to weather, \$500.00 will be paid on each of the four days for which the contract is active.

ANNEX "C" INSURANCE CONDITIONS

Marine liability insurance

- 1. The Contractor must obtain protection and indemnity insurance that must include excess collision liability and pollution liability. The insurance must be placed with a member of the International Group of Protection and Indemnity Associations or with a fixed market in an amount of not less than the limits determined by the Marine Liability Act, S.C. 2001, c. 6. Coverage must include crew liability, if it is not covered by Worker's Compensation as detailed in paragraph (2.) below.
- 2. The Contractor must obtain worker's compensation insurance covering all employees engaged in the Work in accordance with the statutory requirements of the territory or province or state of nationality, domicile, employment, having jurisdiction over such employees. If the Contractor is subject to an additional contravention, as a result of an accident causing injury or death to an employee of the Contractor or subcontractor, or due to unsafe working conditions, then such lew or assessment must be paid by the Contractor at its sole cost.
 - 3. The protection and indemnity insurance policy must include the following:
 - a. Additional insured: Canada is added as an additional insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The interest of Canada as additional insured should read as follows: Canada, represented by Public Works and Government Services Canada.
 - b. Waiver of subrogation rights: Contractor's Insurer to waive all rights of subrogation against Canada as represented by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Public Works and Government Services Canada for any and all loss of or damage to the watercraft however caused.
 - c. Notice of cancellation: The Contractor will provide the Contracting Authority thirty (30) days prior written notice of policy cancellation or any changes to the insurance policy.
 - d. Cross liability and separation of insureds: Without increasing the limit of liability, the policy must protect all insured parties to the full extent of coverage provided. Further, the policy must apply to each Insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.
 - e. Litigation rights: Pursuant to subsection 5(d) of the Department of Justice Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. J-2, s.1, if a suit is instituted for or against Canada which the Insurer would, but for this clause, have the right to pursue or defend on behalf of Canada as an Additional Named Insured under the insurance policy, the Insurer must promptly contact the Attorney General of Canada to agree on the legal strategies by sending a letter, by registered mail or by courier, with an acknowledgement of receipt.

For the province of Quebec, send to:

Director Business Law Directorate, Quebec Regional Office (Ottawa), Department of Justice, 284 Wellington Street, Room SAT-6042, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H8

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For other provinces and territories, send to:

Senior General Counsel, Civil Litigation Section, Department of Justice 234 Wellington Street, East Tower Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8

A copy of the letter must be sent to the Contracting Authority. Canada reserves the right to co-defend any action brought against Canada. All expenses incurred by Canada to co-defend such actions will be at Canada's expense. If Canada decides to co-defend any action brought against it, and Canada does not agree to a proposed settlement agreed to by the Contractor's insurer and the plaintiff(s) that would result in the settlement or dismissal of the action against Canada, then Canada will be responsible to the Contractor's insurer for any difference between the proposed settlement amount and the amount finally awarded or paid to the plaintiffs (inclusive of costs and interest) on behalf of Canada.

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ANNEX "D" EVALUATION CRITERIA

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the Mandatory Criteria as detailed herein. Bidders' proposals must clearly demonstrate that they meet all Mandatory Criteria for the proposal to be considered for further evaluation. Proposals not meeting the Mandatory Criteria will be excluded from further consideration.

Mandatory and Rated Criteria

It is mandatory that the following information be provided by the Bidder:

To demonstrate experience, the Bidder shall cite specific examples from their work history. For the purposes of this proposal, "experience" shall infer that the Captain and/or crew member proposed by the Bidder have gained this experience while performing a task or duty in which the experience criterion was the primary focus of the work conducted. The Bidder must include the start and end dates including months and years and where the experience was obtained, for at least the minimum number of seasons requested (e.g. 3 seasons or 1 season, depending on the Mandatory Criteria).

A vessel inspection may take place after bid closing of those vessels having met the Mandatory Criteria.

The Bidder must include the following table in their proposal and providing the proposal page number or section that contains information to verify that the criteria has been met.

For LFA 24 (Project #1) and LFA 26A (Project #2)

No.	Mandatory Criteria	Proposal page #
M1	The bidder must complete and provide Annex A-1 as part of their bid submission.	
M2	The proposal must contain a statement of the name under which the vessel is legally incorporated and a statement from the Canadian foreign ownership firm, if applicable.	
M3	A captain and a minimum of one crew member must be available to assist the DFO scientific team for sampling during the entire study. *Provide the names and a statement of availability as	
	proof.	
M4	The captain must have a minimum of 3 seasons of experience in steering and operating a vessel near the study area in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.	
M5	The captain must have a minimum of 3 seasons of experience in commercial fishing in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.	
M6	The crew member (other than the captain) must have a minimum of 1 season of experience in commercial fishing in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.	
M7	The vessel must include a sorting/grading table.	
	*A photo is required as proof and must be included with bid package.	

M8	The vessel must include a sheltered area with a table and seating.	
	*A photo is required as proof and must be included with bid package	
M9	The vessel must possess a minimum of one toilet.	
	*A photo is required as proof and must be included with bid package.	
M10	The vessel must be equipped with a VHF radio and a CB radio in good operating condition and approved by Transport Canada, a sounder, a plotter, a digital GPS, a Novatec navigation system or its equivalent, and radar.	
	*Photos or a declaration statement must be provided as proof in bid submission (DFO reserves the right to inspect the vessel to ensure it meets the declaration).	
	**If providing an equivalent product, this must be listed as equivalent with the make/model and specifications provided.	
M11	The bidder must provide a copy of the Vessel Registration.	
	*A photo or copy of the certificate must be included in bid submission.	
M12	The captain must have a Small Vessel Operator's Proficiency certificate or equivalent.	
	*A photo or copy of the certificate is required as proof, or a description of how the captain meets the equivalency must be included in bid submission.	
M13	The life raft must have a minimum capacity for 6 people	
	*A photo or copy of the certificate must be included in bid submission.	
M14	The bidder must indicate which size boat under table 5-1 of the following link that will be used for the duration of the project and must demonstrate that they meet all required safety equipment under the table 5-1.	
	https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/chapter-5-be-ready-emergencies#3	
	*Photos or a declaration statement must be provided as proof in bid submission (DFO reserves the right to inspect the vessel to ensure it meets the declaration).	
M15	The vessel must be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher.	
	*A photo or a declaration statement must be provided as proof in bid submission (DFO reserves the right to inspect the vessel to ensure it meets the declaration).	

For LFA 26A (Project #2) only

No.	Mandatory Criteria	Proposal page #
M1	The captain or a crew member must have a minimum of one season of experience in commercial fishing with a trawl in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence.	

No.	Rated Criteria		Points	Proposal Page No.
R1	The Bidder provides either: 1) a vessel equipped with an A-frame, a winch and cable, or; 2) a vessel equipped with a boom, winch and cable. *Photos are required as proof and must be included with bid package.	 2. 3. 	A-frame, a winch and cable – 10 points boom, winch and cable – 5 points Not demonstrated – 0 points	
	Total Points			
	Minimum Passing Score			