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**MOD Prior Information Notice**

**Contract Title:**

DEFENCE FUELS GLOBAL RESUPPLY CAPABILITY (DFGRC)

# Contract Reference number:

# 711687450 – DOEA/0079

**Estimated Value of the Requirements:**

£99.971M

**Contract Duration:**

5 Years

**Type of Contract:**

Service

**Description of this notice:**

The purpose of this PIN is to notify the market of a forthcoming procurement. The Ministry Of Defence (MOD), as the Contracting Authority, has an ongoing requirement to charter two tankers for the resupply of all fuel types (Clean Petroleum Products) to UK and Overseas bases, Intra-OFD transfer plus support to the Joint Expeditionary Force Maritime (JEF(M)).

**Main CPV Codes:**

60640000 - Shipping operations

60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew

**Contracting Authority Location:**

MoD Defence Operational Energy Authority, Bristol UK

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Principle trading areas are, but not limited to, North Europe, Mediterranean and Atlantic Ocean. The requirement is currently met via the Charter of two Tankers that are reaching their end of life.

This will be a Competitive Negotiated Procedure with prior publication of the Defence and Security Public Contract Regulations (DSPCR) 2011 and the contract will be awarded on the basis of Lowest Price to the contractor meets the Authority’s requirements. The contract shall be a SHELLTIME4 Agreement with MOD Rider Clauses. The Tendering process will commence Mid June 2024.

**Key Specification Requirements:**

Large Ship (LS)

In order for the LS to support those locations that require larger volumes of fuel the following are the key requirements that the vessel must meet as well as meet all the location specific port restrictions to ensure that the vessel can be utilised to its full capability. All Vessels proposed shall be subject to vetting by the Harbour Masters, Technical Team and RightShip (3rd Party Assurance).

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| **LOA** | 140m to 185m |
| **Cargo Capacity** | Circa 37,000m3 |
| **Stern Thrusters** | Desirable, however if not offered then Contractor must also include tug(s) in the offering for all taskings to the Ascension Islands |
| **Inert Gas System** | Mandatory |
| **Crane** | Vessel must have a 10-tonne crane. |
| **3 Stern Winches** | Desirable |

Small Ship (SS)

In order for the SS to support operational requirements the following are the key requirements that the vessel must meet as well as meet all the location specific port restrictions to ensure that the vessel can be utilised to its full capability. All Vessels proposed shall be subject to vetting by the Harbour Masters, Technical Team and RightShip (3rd Party Assurance).

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| **LOA** | 140m-150m |
| **Cargo Capacity** | Circa 20,000m3 |
| **Inert Gas System** | Mandatory |
| **Crane** | Vessel must have a 10-tonne crane. |
| **3 Stern Winches** | Vessel must have 3 Stern winches on delivery |

Vessel Age

Vessels must be max 20 years old at contract expiry.

Vessel Crew

To meet Operational Security requirements, the officers and crew of the LS must all be of British Nationality. The Authority would consider a temporary non-British crew member from a NATO/EU or Commonwealth member-state on a case-by-case basis.  Any instance of dual/multiple nationality must also be declared.

For the SS vessel, a complement of NATO/EU/Commonwealth is suitable for the duration of the Contract.

The Contractor is to ensure that the officers and crew of both ships are to be fully trained and competent to undertake the Authority’s tasking throughout the contract period.

Vessel Flag

To meet local security requirements, the vessel to be operated under British origin flag (includes Gibraltar and Isle of Man). A flag of origin pertinent to those countries where the British monarch is head of state would also be acceptable.

**Additional Information:**

If you are interested in participating in the competition for this requirement and have any queries in regards to it, please contact our Ship Broker Braemar at the following email: [modtankers@braemar.com](mailto:modtankers@braemar.com) and cc [Lesley.trask100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Lesley.trask100@mod.gov.uk) by the closing date of this PIN.

The duration of the agreement is 5 years.

Estimated total value for both vessels over the term is GBP 99.971m.

Estimated annual value for both vessels is GBP 19.99m.

**Indictive Timeline:**

Please note that the following timeline is indictive and therefore subject to change.

The below presents the proposed timeline for this requirement.

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| PIN Released on DSP | 03 May 2024 |
| PIN Closure | 25 May 2024 |
| Tender Process Commencement | Mid June 2024 |