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Our ref: **TCA 3/7/750**

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Dear Sirs

TENDER FOR CONTRACT FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SERVICES IN UK AND EUROPEAN WATERS

We have received questions for the above-mentioned tender, and to ensure that all tenderers have access to the same information, we have copied the questions and our answers to you:

Question 1

Are the shape files available for the new 2018 ITT?

Response

Each Hydrographic Instruction contains a section detailing the area to be surveyed. This includes a coordinates table with latitude and longitude points provided in the geographic ETRS89 coordinate system. These coordinates can be used to create GIS shapefiles where desired.

Question 2

Para 8.6 – SBES deliverables – Is this for Lot 3 surveys only or additional to MBES data in Lots 1 & 2?

P12 of the specs (section 4.12 to 4.22) mentions SBES as being part of Lot 3 activities but SBES is again mentioned on p25 (Section 8.6) as being a deliverable for “each HI”.

Response

I can confirm that the single-beam (SBES) requirement only applies to Lot 3.

As part of Lot 3 there is the potential for some SBES works. Where required, the specific SBES details will be described in the Lot 3 Hydrographic Instructions when issued.

Question 3

When looking at the price schedule there is no place dedicated to a mob and demob charge. It is understood that the respective HIs will be contracted en bloc but how would the MCA like to see the mob and demob allocated, simply for example linearly added to each HI from one respective year/block?

Response

The inclusive price for each HI should include mobilisation and demobilisation. Each HI will be awarded separately not 'en bloc'. We may of course award several HIs in parallel but separately. Where the supplier considers cost savings could be made e.g. by pairing 2 adjacent HIs which would therefore result in efficiencies and reduce the mob and demob costs this should be identified on the price schedule.

Question 4

Would the MCA approve data acquisition by means of ASV/USV if the sensors will be all fitted and aligned according to the stipulated specifications?

Response

Suppliers are required to demonstrate how they will fully meet the technical requirements as specified in the CHP Survey Specification. If supplier wishes to propose innovative solutions (e.g. equipment or survey platform) they must fully evidence ability and capability of delivering the required deliverables in accordance with all aspects of the CHP Survey Specification, detailing any mitigation measures and methodology that may be required.

Question 5

Is there an opportunity to extend the current deadline for receipt of tenders.

Response

MCA is not looking to extend the deadline for receipt of tenders as the period for tender preparation is sufficient and reasonable.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Skeats', followed by a comma.

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