



Strategic Command

# Interim Strategic Sealift (SSL-I)

## Market Engagement 2

2 & 4 Feb 22

# Introduction

**Project Summary.** Strategic Sealift provides UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) with a capability to deploy cargo overseas from the UK in support of the UK's standing commitments and contingent operations. The current Sealift contract expires on 31 December 2024. A new project has been initiated by UK MOD, with the aim to provide a new contract for an interim period of minimum 5 years, to an updated user requirement.

**Aim of this Market Engagement.** This is the second engagement following the RFI in October 2021. The sessions will provide a detailed brief on project requirements. These are provided in draft and may be subject to change. More detail will be provided on how each requirement can be met.

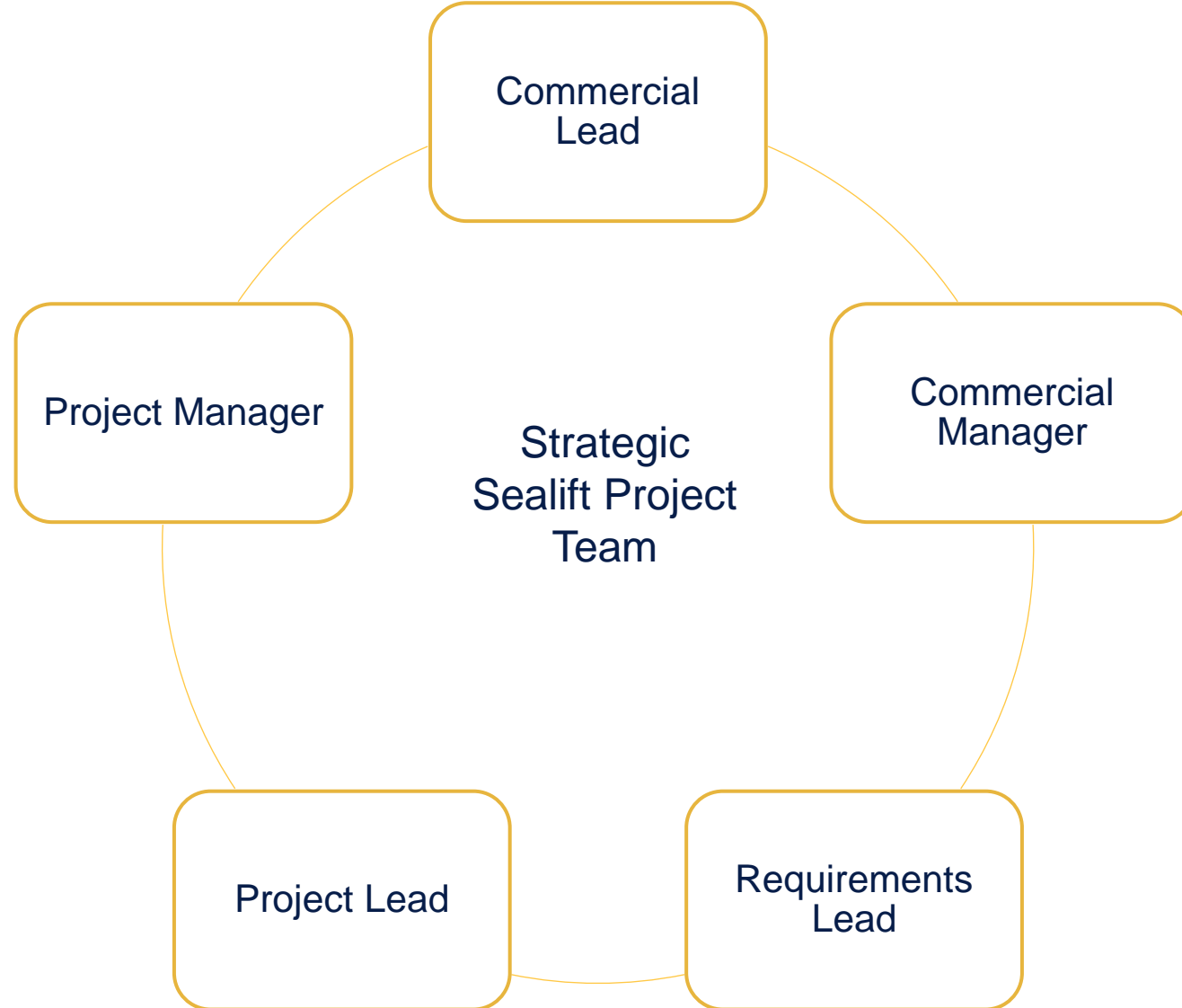
The project team is seeking further industry views on the topics raised in the RFI to confirm industry capabilities. Any information provided will be for information purposes only, to inform project strategies.

**Project cost.** ~£400M

## Agenda:

1. Project team
2. Requirement – basic requirements
3. Requirement – technical specification
4. Requirement - certification
5. Project timeline
6. Commercial process
7. Q&A
8. Next steps

# Team



# Requirements - General

1. Minimum of **4 ships** concurrently / **9600 LIMs**
2. Length under **200m** / draught **8m** or less (fully laden)
3. **Operate globally** and use the most expedient transit routes
4. Can be different sizes but must be built to the same standard
5. Must have at least one organic crane **SWL 40T**
6. Will carry **mixed cargo** including Dangerous Goods (DG)
7. Ship ownership and flag from a NATO country
8. Crew: UK **Sponsored Reserves** (UK Nationals)
9. Carry up to 12 military passengers



# Requirements - Technical

1. Improved manoeuvrability at low speed and in confined spaces in up to a **20Kt** wind
2. Load/unload unaided, whether at anchor, on a buoy, or alongside, at any time or state of tide
3. Deck height to allow manoeuvring space suitable for heavy MHE
4. Must have a **ramp** capability for the purpose of loading/discharging military vehicles and equipment
5. Ramps able to operate at **all states of the tide** without risk of low clearance vehicles **grounding**
6. Quarter ramps able to go to **port & starboard** sides (from ship to quay).
7. Ramps must be **self-supporting**.
8. Ramp weight capacity of at least **75T**.
9. Ramp doors must have a minimum Width 5m x Height 6.5m





# Certification & Design

The capability must be designed in such a way so as to reduce the risk of loss from natural hazards, collision, or when acting in support of military operations.

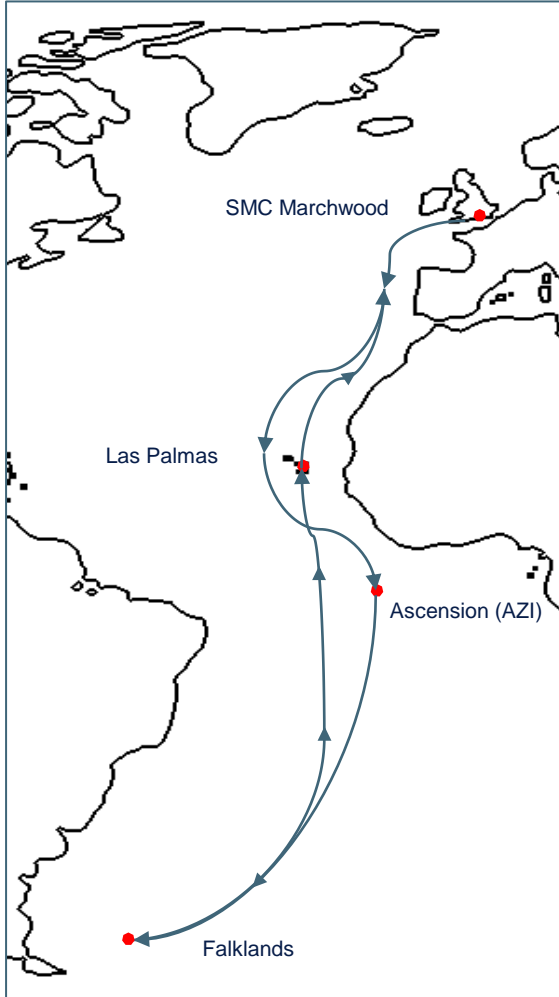
Naval Authority Certification across agreed key hazard areas:

- Ice Class 1A
- Decks and ramps strengthened (5T/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Enhanced stability
- Enhanced survivability

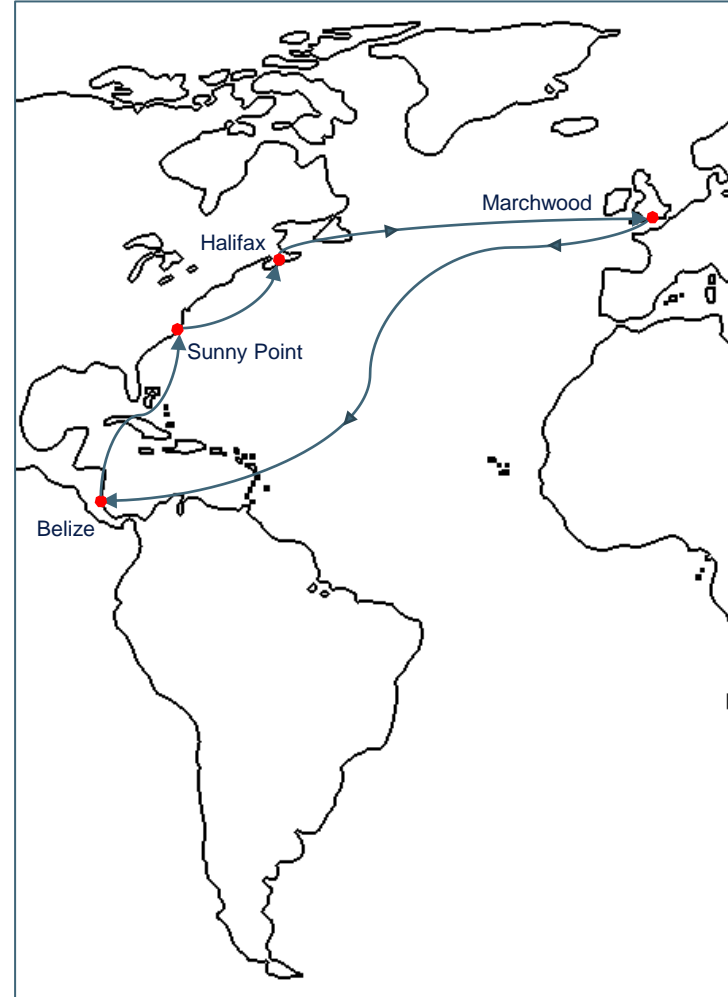


# Indicative Routes: Atlantic

Scenario 1



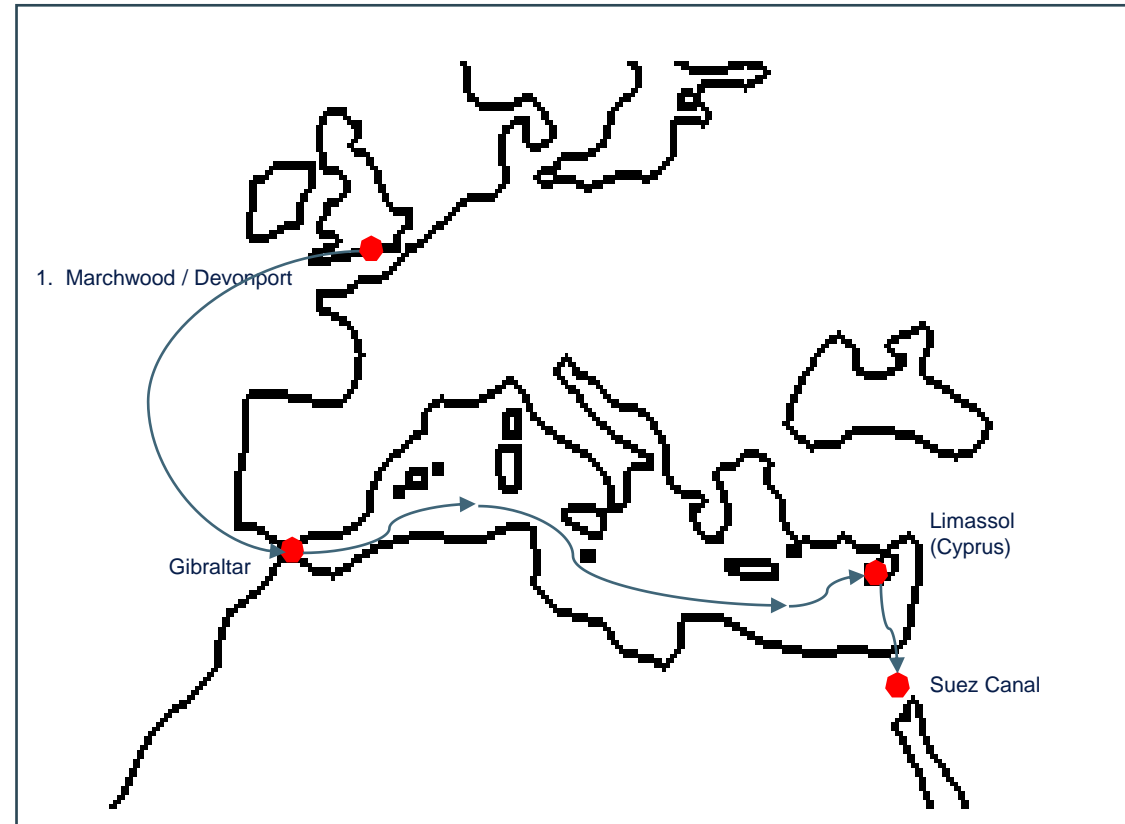
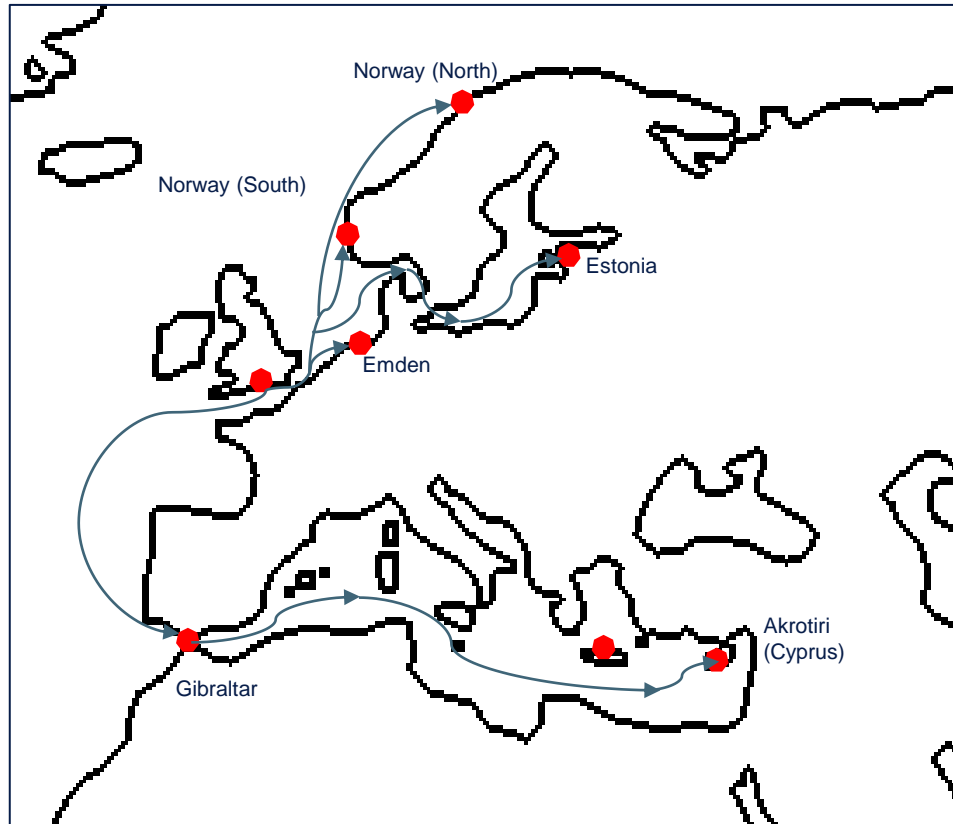
Scenario 2



Scenario 3



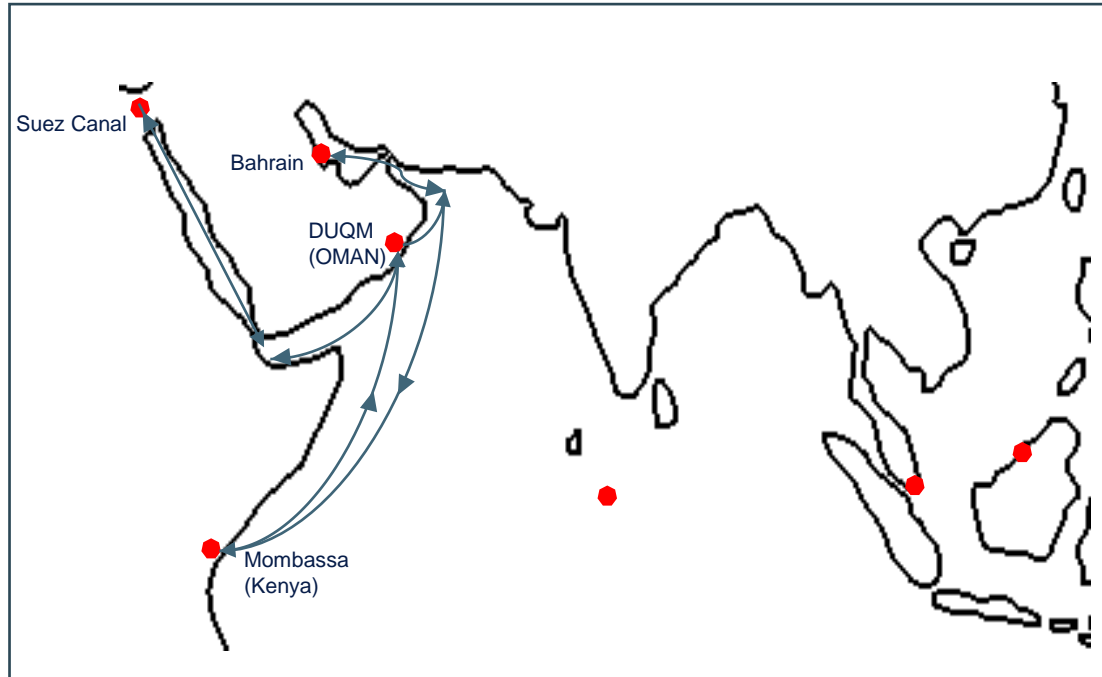
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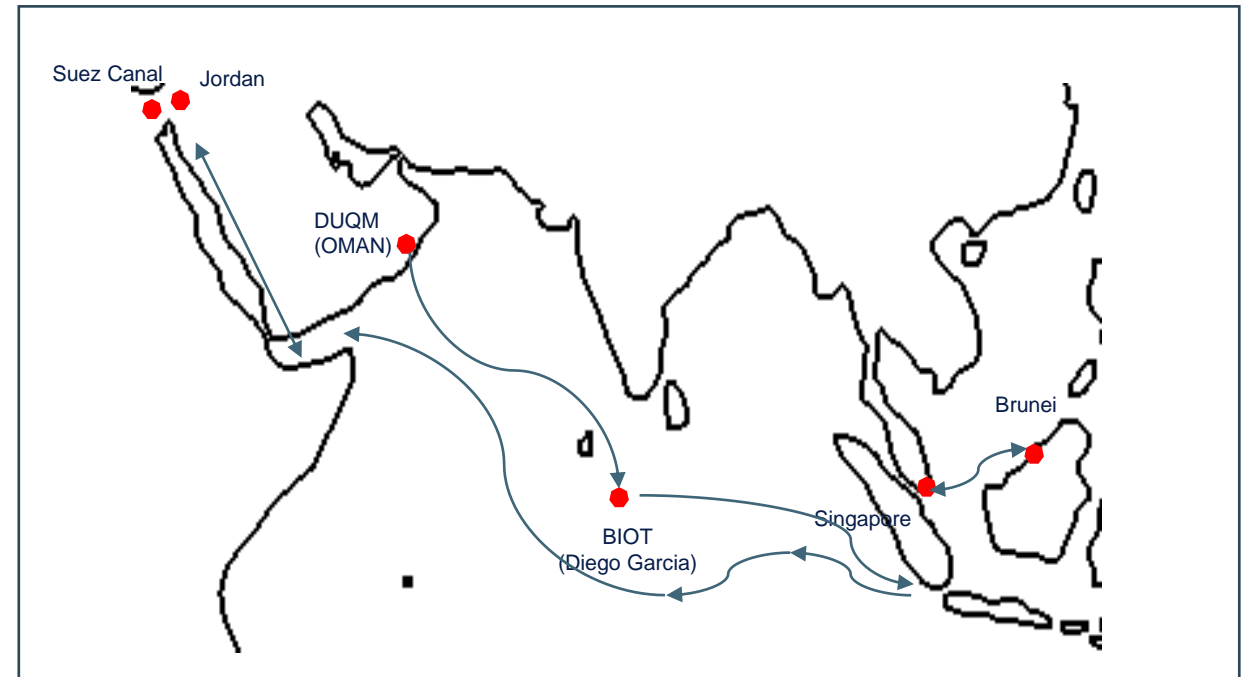


# Indicative Routes: Middle & Far East

Scenario 1



Scenario 2



# Interoperability



Mexeflote



Army work Boat



Landing Craft Utility Mk10

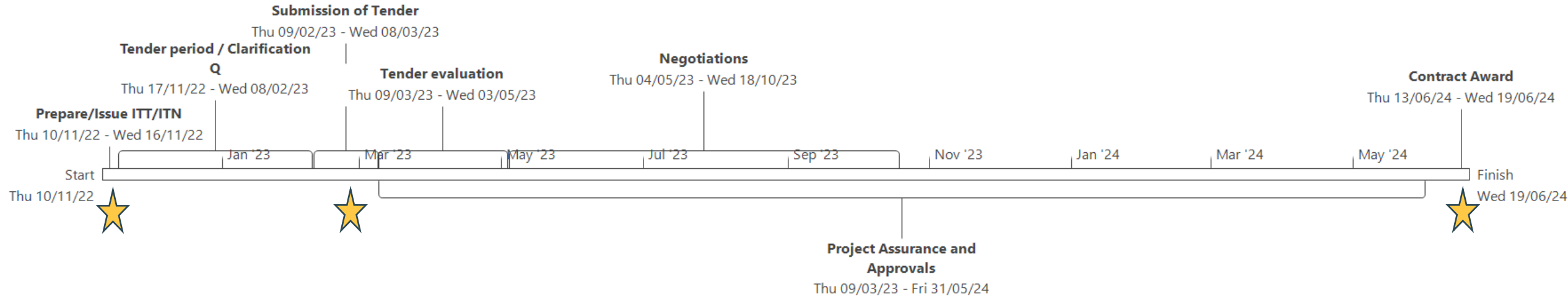


Landing Craft Vehicle & Personnel



Combat Support Boat

# Project Timelines



## Key points:

Authority issue ITT/ITN: Nov 2022

Submission of Tender: Mar 2023

Contract Award: Jun 2024

Internal Project Assurance and Approvals adds in time that is governed by MOD policy and process

# Interim Strategic Sealift – Commercial Process Overview

This procurement will be subject to Defence Security and Public Contracts Regulations 2011 (DSPCR). There are multiple routes to contract within DSPCR. The process can take between 12-24 months and is envisioned to begin in Q3 2022.

Regardless of route the following stages are likely to take place during the tender process:

1. Invitation to Tender/Invitation to Negotiate
2. Clarification Period – including questions & answers
3. Tender Submission(s) – Including Technical Solution & Commercial Compliance Demonstration
4. Tender Evaluation
5. Clarification Period – on bid submission (*if required*)
6. Negotiations (*if required*)
7. Contract Award

# Q&A





# Next steps

- Additional Questions Deadline – COP (5pm GMT) 2 business days post event
- All questions and slide pack (condensed) published – 11 Feb
- Additional information submittal – 18 Feb
- Authority will decide their route to market and appropriate notices will be published on Contracts Finder & Find a Tender Service. Please check these for updates.