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Planning

MCA Small Vessel Chartering Provision

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

MCA Small Vessel Chartering Provision

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Counter Pollution is one of His Majesty's Coastguards (HMCG) Seven Functions and the Counter Pollution and Salvage (CPS) branch operates as the UK Competent Authority with specific responsibility for Counter Pollution preparedness and responding to at-sea pollution from shipping and offshore installations within the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and the management of the UK Government's stockpiles of equipment and dispersant.

It is tasked to:

- Protect public Health
- Prevent pollution occurring by minimising the risk of pollution from ships and offshore installations;
- Determine any actual, or threat of, environmental impact and, where pollution occurs:
- Minimise the impact on the UK waters, the UK EEZ, coastlines and economic interest. Take the lead in responding to pollution at sea from ships and/or monitor the at-sea-clean up contracted by ship owners/insurers;

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34513600 - Pollution-control vessels

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CPS currently source its vessel hire requirements on a case by case basis and secure charters from a range of suppliers based on competitive market rates. The requirement moving forward however is to secure a long-term partner to work with the team in the delivery of all ship chartering services across all of its sectors, securing value for money, provide effective management of counter pollution risk and shall provide HMCG with a contract that is transparent and auditable.

The procurement will be undertaken in accordance with the new Procurement Regulations (Procurement Law 2023) which are due to come into force in February 2025.

The full scope of these changes setting out how public procurements will be undertaken from this date are set out here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/transforming-public-procurement>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes