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Planning

Taxi Transfer Medway

PORT OF SHEERNESS LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

PSL/C0165/Taxi Transfers Medway

Description

Peel Ports owns and operates six of the UK's most important ports (Port of Liverpool, Heysham Port, Manchester Ship Canal, Medway (Sheerness / Chatham), Clyde port (Greenock, Hunterston, Ardrossan) and Great Yarmouth). It also operates a container terminal in Dublin. Port of Sheerness Limited is conducting pre-market engagement to understand the commercial position and capability of the supply base for the service provision of taxi's to transfer marine pilots across the Medway port, in preparation for a future procurement. A summary of the requirements are detailed below: Scope of Supplier service The future tender process will seek a comprehensive taxi service solution for pilot transfers at the Port of Sheerness, which may include but not be limited to: • 24/7 Availability: Provision of services 365 days a year, including unsociable hours, to meet the demands of vessel arrivals and departures. • Geographic Coverage: Services primarily focused on the Port of Sheerness and its immediate surroundings, including designated pilot boarding/landing locations and potentially local pilot accommodation. • Vehicle Fleet:

A fleet of well-maintained, licensed, and appropriate vehicles suitable for transporting individuals and potentially small amounts of pilot equipment safely and comfortably. Consideration may be given to requirements for vehicle types (e.g., saloon cars, multi-passenger vehicles). • Professional Drivers: Experienced, licensed, and vetted drivers with excellent local knowledge, strong communication skills, and a commitment to punctuality, reliability, and safety. Drivers may be required to undergo specific port-related inductions or training. • Efficient Dispatch and Communication: Robust and reliable booking, dispatch, and communication systems to effectively manage service requests, track journeys, and communicate with port personnel and pilots. This may include the use of technology-based solutions. • Performance Monitoring and Reporting: Provision of regular performance data, including journey times, response times, service usage, and key performance indicators (KPIs) as defined by Peel Ports Group.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,400,000 excluding VAT
- £1,700,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2029
- Possible extension to 1 April 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60120000 - Taxi services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 May 2025

Engagement process description

Peel Ports Marine Procurement intends to conduct a preliminary market engagement to gather information and insights from potential suppliers regarding the provision of a taxi service within Medway to transfer pilots across the Medway port. This engagement will inform the development of the specifications and procurement strategy for a future tender.

Location: Sheerness Port Purpose of Engagement This PMEN serves as a preliminary market engagement to:

- Inform the market of our future intention to tender for these services.
- Gather information on the capabilities, experience, and innovative solutions available from taxi service providers operating in the relevant geographic area.
- Understand current market trends and pricing structures for similar service provisions.
- Identify potential challenges and opportunities associated with the provision of these services within a port environment.
- Refine the scope and requirements for the future tender process based on market feedback.
- Identify potential suppliers who may be interested in participating in the future tender.

Engagement Activities:

- Requests for information (RFIs) or questionnaires.
- One-to-one meetings with interested suppliers who demonstrate a strong likelihood of being able to meet our specification

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

6 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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