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Tender

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Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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Scope

Reference

TCA 3/7/1812

Description

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is seeking a high-quality service provider to revolutionise the assessment process for Certificates of Competency (CoC) by delivering modernised, practical application-based examinations. This crucial service will focus exclusively on safety-critical subjects within the CoC routes, ensuring candidates are rigorously evaluated on their ability to apply knowledge in real-world onboard scenarios. The service provider will be responsible for delivering these assessments in accordance with the modernised syllabus, utilising sample question styles, and administering them on secure, dedicated digital devices supplied and managed by the provider.

Given the current volume of MCA CoC examinations approximately 2,000 Deck, 1,500 Engineer, and 70 ETO, the chosen provider must demonstrate capacity and robust quality assurance processes to handle this significant throughput while maintaining the highest

standards of assessment integrity. Specifically, the service must cover the following safety-critical areas:

• Deck Officers: Deck, Navigation, and Stability.

• Marine Engineers: Engineering Knowledge, supplemented by Motor or Steam-specific content tailored to individual candidate sea service experience.

• Electro-Technical Officers (ETOs): Electrical Safety.

The MCA requires a service that not only meets but exceeds current standards, ensuring the future generation of maritime professionals are equipped with the practical skills and knowledge necessary for safe and effective operations. This investment in modernised assessment will significantly enhance maritime safety and contribute to the UK's leading role in international maritime standards.

Total value (estimated)

• £2,500,000 excluding VAT

• £3,000,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

• 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030

• Possible extension to 30 June 2033

• 8 years

Description of possible extension:

The MCA may extend the Contract for a period of up to 3 years. Consisting of an optional 2 year term followed by an optional 1 year term

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79990000 - Miscellaneous business-related services

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

- 98360000 - Marine services

- 70331100 - Institution management services

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 June 2025, 11:00am

Tender submission deadline

23 June 2025, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenderers must register on the Department for Transport's (DfT) procurement portal

(Jaggaer) in order to access the tender documents and bid for this opportunity.

https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html

***Once logged into Jaggaer, navigate to: itt_2645 Digital Assessment Platform

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

The Contract that is due to be awarded as a result of this procurement will be awarded on the basis of the offer that is the most advantageous tender to the MCA.

The Award Criteria are:

70% Quality (of which 10% is Social Value, Technical Envelope)

30% Financial / Price (Commercial Envelope)

Concessions contract - the estimated value of the contract has been determined in accordance with Schedule 3, Paragraph 3 of the Procurement Act 2023.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Concession

Contracting authority

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCWN-9665-QVMZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government