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Tender

M.V Snowdrop Passenger Space Restoration

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Scope

Reference

DN778953

Description

History of MV Snowdrop

The MV Snowdrop, originally named MV Woodchurch, was built in 1959 by Messrs. Philip & Son Ltd of Dartmouth. It is a sister ship to the MV Royal Iris, previously known as MV Mountwood. The Snowdrop has served as a vital component of Liverpool's maritime history, gaining significant attention in January 2015 when it was transformed into a "dazzle ship." The unique livery, designed by Sir Peter Blake, commemorates the role of dazzle ships during World War I, making the Snowdrop not just a functional vessel, but also a floating piece of art and history.

Purpose of the Project

Mersey Ferries is committed to preserving the MV Snowdrop as a symbol of Liverpool's rich maritime heritage. This project focuses on the interior enhancement of the ship,

creating a heritage-inspired environment that reflects the historical significance of the vessel while providing modern comforts for passengers. The project is intended for the leisure market, as well as its use for commuter services, filming, and private charters. The refurbished MV Snowdrop is expected to launch in 2026, with enhancements taking place during 2025, subject to discussion and confirmation.

Total value (estimated)

- £65,000 excluding VAT
- £65,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 22314000 - Designs
- 34512100 - Ferry boats
- 45454100 - Restoration work
- 50100000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services of vehicles and related equipment

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)
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Participation

This procurement is reserved for

UK suppliers

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

1 July 2025, 11:00am

Tender submission deadline

9 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All submissions must be made via The Chest:

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Bids Assessed on the following

Quality 60%

Price 40%

Full breakdown of this is provided within the Procurement Documentation.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[1. Scope Snowdrop Passenger Space Restoration RevC \(002\).docx](#)

Contracting authority

Merseytravel

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJQR-8469-DXQD

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government