

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/035353-2024>

Award

## **Administration of Mandatory Examinations**

Maritime & Coastguard Agency

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-035353

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b2fe

Published 31 October 2024, 2:44pm

### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Maritime & Coastguard Agency

Spring Place

Southampton

SO15 1EG

#### **Email**

[contracts@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:contracts@mcga.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Maritime Safety

---

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Administration of Mandatory Examinations

Reference number

TCA 3/7/1751

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75100000 - Administration services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Administration of mandatory examinations for Officers in the Merchant Navy and Professional Yachting.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Examinations administered include:

- Officer of the Watch (Yachts less than 3,000gt) - Navigation and Radar.
- Officer of the Watch (Yachts less than 3,000gt) - General Ship Knowledge.
- Master (Yachts) - Seamanship and Meteorology.
- Master (Yachts) - Stability.
- Master (Yachts) - Business and Law.
- Master (Yachts) - Navigation, ARPA (Automatic Radio Plotting Aid) and Radar Simulator.
- Master (Yachts) - Celestial Navigation Master
- Operations.
- General Science A
- General Science B
- Control Engineering
- Engineering Knowledge (Motor)
- Engineering Knowledge (Steam)
- Engineering Knowledge (General)

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

---

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The MCA are currently reviewing how it undertakes the assessments associated with UK Seafarers obtaining a UK Certificate of Competence (CoC). The current provision is conducted on a concessions basis with the MCA receiving a payment from the service provider to ensure that all costs associated with assistance and oversight of this service are fully recovered to mitigate against any burden on the UK taxpayer.

IAMI have previously been the delegated provider of the mandatory written examinations. This is an essential service and MCA needs to maintain continuity of service delivery whilst the review is conducted and taken forward. Seafarers are required to pass these examinations to obtain a CoC. The intention is to direct award this contract, establish the ongoing requirement and procure the necessary requirements following the review and identified recommendations.

This recommendation is in accordance with Public Contracts Regulation (PCR) 2015 32(2)(b)(ii). IAMI have been identified as the only suitable provider that can meet our need, within the scope of the current requirement, as they possess the specialised technical and industry expertise critical to maintaining the high standard of assessment for MCA cadets and seafarers. Their experience ensures that assessments align closely with the syllabus taught at MCA-approved maritime institutions.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

---

## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 October 2024

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

The International Association of Maritime Institutions

c/o Bilbeck Business Services Ltd, 19 Janson Road

Southampton

SO15 5FU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Transport

Great Minster House

London

SW1P 4DR

Country

United Kingdom