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Tender

Royal Charter Vessel Replacement

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company

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Scope

Reference

MDHC/C0165

Description

For full details in relation to subject matter of this procurement, please refer to the scope and specification document named Royal Charter Vessel Replacement, scope and specification which is included as part of the tender documentation on the Portal. In summary, Peel Ports are looking to award up to a 2 year fixed term Agreement (with an additional 12 month warranty), to 1 (one) successful Tenderer. Peel Ports are looking to replace its current survey vessel (Royal Charter) which is approaching end of life and facilitate the modal shift from aged specifications to a high-spec performing vessel with capabilities for the company's enhanced hydrographic survey offering. The scope associated with this opportunity is summarised below but not limited to;

- A versatile and multi-functional vessel, dedicated to afloat survey operations and is capable to facilitate hydrographic survey duties and personnel transportation.
- An ability to reach the required speed, carry and handle the required weight and provide sufficient space for crew, surveyors and equipment.
- The capacity to provide good ride quality, safety and protection from extreme conditions.
- The design and construction of the hull structure

shall provide strength for the safe operation of the vessel, at its service draught and maximum service speed, to withstand the sea and weather conditions likely to be encountered in the intended area category of operation. • Fully conform in all aspects to the current version of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Workboat Code Edition 3, The safety of small workboats and pilot boats – a Code of Practice and is to be capable of being coded to area category 2 waters. (Categories of Operation) • Hull form is preferred to be that of a twin hull "catamaran" type. • The vessel shall be in the range of 13 metres to 17 metres. • The vessels draft should be between one (1) and two (2) metres. • The vessel shall be capable of undertaking surveying activities at speeds of 5 knots whilst having steerage way, also achieving 20 knots+ upon transits. • Vessel shall have the ability to carry 12 persons with seating, plus all other loadings as specified.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 March 2026 to 5 March 2028
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34513550 - Survey vessels
- 34500000 - Ships and boats

- 34520000 - Boats
- 34521000 - Specialised boats

Contract locations

- UKD7 - Merseyside
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 October 2025, 11:30pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

20 October 2025, 10:30am

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=98220&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

23 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality (Technical)	Quality	60%
Price	Price	40%

Other information

Payment terms

60 Days

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

PSQ Short list to invite to ITT Stage Launch ITT Mid-tender Review Meetings ITT Submissions Tenderer Clarification Meetings (including Demonstrations & Presentations) Legal Review Meetings Tenderer Site Visits BAFO Standstill Contract Award

Contracting authority

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company

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