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Tender

Conventional Pilot Vessel

Port of Tyne Authority

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Scope

Reference

DDASCPV25

Description

To ensure a dedicated 24/7, 365 pilotage service can be offered to both Port of Tyne and River Tyne stakeholders, the port currently operates two (all weather) dedicated Pilot vessels and one survey vessel for use in limited sea conditions. The current pilot vessels are 16 and 24-years' old and are of conventional diesel engines. Port of Tyne also has an all-electrical pilot vessel in design and build phase, which is due for delivery within 2026.

The current duty cycle (single act of Pilot boarding / landing) is approximately ten-miles, three-miles within sheltered waters and seven-miles in open sea.

New certification requirements under the Workboat Code 3 (Edition 3) standards, relating to Pilot Vessels will require the existing fleet to undergo significant modifications from 2026 to meet compliance with these standards and Port of Tyne are therefore looking to supplement the current fleet of pilot vessels with a new conventional diesel engine.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,700,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 February 2026 to 15 May 2027
- 1 year, 3 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34500000 - Ships and boats

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Further detailed within the PSQ document

Technical ability conditions of participation

Further detailed within the PSQ document

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

12 January 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

19 January 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Details included within the ITT document

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Invitation to Tender \(ITT\).docx](#)

[Port of Tyne - Conventional Vessel Sale Agreement - December 2025.docx](#)

[PSQ.docx](#)

Contracting authority

Port of Tyne Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGQW-4488-LPWP

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South Shields

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United Kingdom

Email: Procurement.team@Portoptyne.co.uk

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)