

Part II – Conditions of Tender

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Part II – Conditions of Tender

1 Invitation to Tender and Scope of Work

- 1.1 Tenders are invited for the supply of government vessels more particularly described in the Technical Specifications on and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Tender Documents as listed in Clause 2 of this Part (“**Vessel**”). In the event that the Government is inviting tenders to bid for the supply of one Vessel only, references throughout the Tender Documents to “Vessel” or “Vessels” shall be construed as that single Vessel only. In the event that the Government is inviting tenders for the supply of more than one Vessel, references throughout the Tender Documents to “Vessel” or “Vessels” shall be construed as each of the Vessels to be procured. Notwithstanding the afore-mentioned interpretation principle, if in the reasonable opinion of the Government the context requires or implies that references to “Vessel” means any of the Vessels to be procured, then references to “Vessel” or “Vessels” shall mean any of such Vessels.

2 Tender Documents

- 2.1 A set of Tender Documents issued by the Government in connection with the Invitation to Tender consists of the following documents:
- (a) Part I Lodging of Tender
 - (b) Part II Conditions of Tender and Annexes A to D
 - (c) Part III Articles of Agreement
 - (d) Part IV Conditions of Contract and Annexes A to C
 - (e) Part V Schedules 1 to 12
 - (f) Part VI Offer to be Bound
 - (g) Part VII Technical Specifications and Annexes 1 to 7
- 2.2 Words and expressions appearing in these Tender Documents shall have the meanings assigned to them in Part I of the Tender Documents, or in Part IV of the Tender Documents, or other parts of the Tender Documents, unless the context otherwise requires. The rules of interpretation set out in Part IV of the Tender Documents shall apply throughout the Tender Documents.
- 2.3 Tenderers are advised to read the instructions contained herein carefully prior to preparing their tender submission. These instructions are conditions of tendering and any tender which does not follow these instructions will be considered incomplete and may be disqualified (or will be disqualified where it is so expressly provided with regard to certain instructions).
- 2.4 Any notice of this Invitation to Tender issued in the Gazette of the Government shall not be treated as forming part of the Tender Documents.

3 Tender Submission

3.1 Two Envelopes System in Submission of Tenders

For a tender to be considered complete, it shall comprise of all documents and information required in the Tender Documents including those as specified in Clause 4 of this Part. The tender shall be submitted inside **two (2) separate envelopes** marked as specified

below, addressed and deposited in the manner as specified in Part I of the Tender Documents.

- 3.1.1 The Technical Proposal (consisting of one original hardcopy and 4 photocopies), the contents of which are as stipulated in Clause 4.1 (b) of this Part, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope. **No information on price** shall be included in the Technical Proposal; and
- 3.1.2 The Price Proposal (consisting of one original hardcopy and 4 photocopies), the contents of which are as stipulated in Clause 4.1 (a) of this Part - Price Proposal, fully completed, signed and dated shall be enclosed in another sealed envelope.

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for the Civil Engineering and Development Department”**

The two (2) envelopes shall then be placed together inside one (1) large envelope, addressed, sealed and submitted as specified in Paragraph 1.1 of Part I.

- 3.2 Nothing in these Tender Documents shall limit the Government’s power to request additional information/supporting documents in connection with the Tenderer or its tender.
- 3.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the hardcopies and the softcopies, unless the Government wishes to seek clarification, the original hardcopy shall prevail.

4 **Compilation of Tender**

- 4.1 A Tenderer shall note that a two-envelope system is adopted in this Invitation to Tender. The Tenderer shall submit its Tender in two (2) separate proposals, one as the Technical Proposal and another as the Price Proposal comprising the items as follows:

- (a) Price Proposal

- (i) Schedule 1 setting out an all-inclusive unit price for the Vessel, unit price for Spare Parts to be procured and the unit price of a ship model, and the Total Purchase Price payable under the Contract based on the quantities as specified in Schedule 1.

- (b) Technical Proposal

- (i) The Offer to be Bound in the form set out in Part VI of the Tender Documents signed by or on behalf of the Tenderer;
 - (ii) Schedule 5 containing statements of compliance as more particularly described in Clause 5.3 of this Part;
 - (iii) Schedule 6 containing the particulars of the major Equipment as listed therein to be offered by the Tenderer;
 - (iv) Schedule 7 attaching thereto a list of drawings of the proposed Vessel and other documents and plans required therein;

- (v) Schedule 8 containing the details of the Tenderer and information of the Tenderer's nominated shipyard facilities and if applicable, Tenderer's Sub-contractor;
- (vi) Schedule 9 containing information of the proposed Recognised Organisation of its rules and regulations with class notation;
- (vii) all product literature and other documents in relation to the proposed major Equipment as required under Clause 6 of this Part to be set out or attached to Schedule 6;
- (viii) Schedule 10 containing information of the claim of Tenderer's experience in Vessel Project(s) and Accreditations;
- (ix) Schedule 11 containing Innovative Suggestions;
- (x) Schedule 12 – Non-collusive Tendering Certificate; and
- (xi) all corporate documents and information concerning the Tenderer required in Clause 7 of this Part.

5 Completion of Tender

- 5.1 The tender and all accompanying documents (including particularly the Schedules in Part V and the Offer to be Bound in Part VI) shall be completed in ink or typescript and shall be submitted in the manner stipulated in Part I of the Tender Documents and this Part.
- 5.2 The Technical Specifications set out in Part VII of the Tender Documents contain three classes of specifications, viz., the requirements labelled as [E], which are part of the Essential Requirements, specifications labelled as [D], and other requirements which are not labelled as [E] or [D]. The first and third classes of specifications in the Technical Specifications, shall, together with all other requirements in other Parts of the Tender Documents, form part of the "Original Requirements". Unless and to the extent exceeded by the Excess Proposals, they shall form part of the Contract and shall be of equal materiality and importance upon the award of the Contract, and after award of the Contract, non-compliance with any requirements or specifications set out in Part VII regardless of whether they were classified as Essential Requirements shall have the same consequences as specified in the Contract. For those specifications labelled as [D], they shall also form part of the Contract in the same aforesaid manner if and to the extent the Contractor has committed to comply with them during the tendering stage, whether or not as Excess Proposals as further mentioned below.
- 5.3 In completing Schedule 5, for the Essential Requirements set out in Annex C to this Part, the Tenderer shall indicate whether or not it complies with all the Essential Requirements specified therein and in the case of Essential Requirements set out in the Technical Specifications, together with proper pointers to the proposals in the tender supporting such statements. For other Original Requirements in the Technical Specifications which are not identified as Essential Requirements, the Tenderer shall also be required to indicate that it will comply with these Original Requirements should the Contract be awarded to it. **A tender which expressly indicates non-compliance with any of the aforesaid Essential Requirements or any of the other Original Requirements will not be considered further.** In addition, the Tenderer shall also indicate whether or not it will comply with any desirable specifications in Schedule 5 under the heading "Desirable Specifications" but failure to indicate will not lead any disqualification.
- 5.4 Without prejudice to the need to state compliance as mentioned in Clause 5.3 above, the Tenderer may wish to submit Excess Proposals in relation to the Vessel or any of the Equipment which exceed the Original Requirements. "Excess Proposals" are proposals

made by the Tenderer in: (a) Schedule 6 (List of Major Equipment to be Supplied) with any proposed Equipment exceeding the Original Requirements; and/or (b) any plan and information to be submitted in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information), and/or (c) any Innovative Suggestions in Schedule 11 (Innovative Suggestions), for evaluation under the Marking Scheme in Annex D to Part II and regardless of whether or not for complying with desirable specifications with label [D] in the Technical Specifications.

- 5.5 Notwithstanding any of the statements of compliance in Schedule 5 of Part V, the Government will conduct check at tendering stage to determine whether the items offered by a Tenderer indeed comply with the specifications labelled as [E], and the Excess Proposals submitted by the Tenderer. Save for the checking during the tendering stage in the manner as aforesaid, no differentiation in the Contract to be awarded shall be made based on the classification mentioned in Clauses 5.2 and 5.4 above unless otherwise expressly specified.
- 5.6 When signing Part VI, the Offer to be Bound of the Tender Documents, the Tenderer shall ensure that:
- (a) the name of the Tenderer is the same as the name appearing on the Certificate of Incorporation or where there has been a change of name, Certificate of Change of Name, or the trading name appearing on the Business Registration Certificate (if any), or any other equivalent business/corporation document issued by the competent authority of the place of incorporation of the Tenderer; and
 - (b) the form is duly signed by the Tenderer or an authorised person for and on behalf of the Tenderer; a copy of documentary proof (e.g. board resolution of the Tenderer or extract thereof, confirmation letter, etc.) to prove the person who signed Part VI (Offer to be Bound) has the authority to sign the tender for and on behalf of the Tenderer shall be attached for reference.
- 5.7 The duly completed tender comprising all items specified in Clause 4.1 of this Part shall be submitted in the manner under “Lodging of Tender” of Part I – Lodging of Tender, viz., by way of Paper-based Tendering.
- 5.8 **If a Tenderer fails to submit any of documents stipulated in Paragraph (a) (for the Technical Proposal) and Paragraph (b) (for the Price Proposal) of Annex B to this Part on or before the Tender Closing Date, its tender will not be considered further.**

6 Information and Descriptive Literature

- 6.1 Complete products and services information, including technical and descriptive literature and catalogues for the Equipment specified in Schedule 6 to be offered for the Vessel, shall be submitted with each copy of the tender. Information submitted shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate that the products and services offered meet or exceed the Original Requirements. Each item of the Tenderer’s offered Vessel and Equipment (including those as stated in Schedule 6) must, based on the aforesaid items and other proposals set out in the Tenderer’s tender, be shown to comply or exceed with each and every Essential Requirement as stated in the Technical Specifications. Without prejudice to the Government's right (but not obligation) to seek clarification with the Tenderer pursuant to Clause 17.6 of this Part, the Government will disqualify a Tenderer if any of the offered Vessel or Equipment fails to comply with any of the Essential Requirements.

7 Company/Business Organisation Status

7.1 Each Tenderer shall provide the following details relating to itself in Schedule 8 – Tenderer’s Information of Part V:

- (a) name and principal place of business (in address form) of the Tenderer;
- (b) type of business entity of the Tenderer;
- (c) shareholders/partners/proprietor/joint venture parties of the Tenderer and their percentages of shareholding or ownership or voting power or financial contribution; if the Tenderer is an incorporated joint venture or unincorporated joint venture, a copy of the joint venture agreement shall be provided;
- (d) length of business operation;
- (e) names and correspondence addresses of the following:
 - (i) managing director/partners; and
 - (ii) other directors;
- (f) names and addresses of banks which are prepared to provide references or other relevant financial data which indicate the financial viability of the Tenderer;
- (g) if the Tenderer is a company or body corporate, its Memorandum and Articles of Association (if any), Certificate of Incorporation, Certificate of Change of Name (if any), and other corporate documents;
- (h) a copy of a valid and up-to-date business registration certificate evidencing its business status issued under the Business Registration Ordinance (Chapter 310 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or if the Tenderer does not carry on business in Hong Kong, the equivalent document issued by the authority of place of business of the Tenderer;
- (i) (if the Tenderer is a company incorporated in Hong Kong or is registered as a non-Hong Kong company under the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) a copy of the latest annual return filed with the Companies Registry and all subsequent filings since the latest annual return; or (if not) the equivalent documents issued by the authority of the place of incorporation of the Tenderer;
- (j) place and date of its incorporation or formation; and
- (k) particulars of the Tenderer’s process agent in Hong Kong (if the Tenderer does not have a place of business in Hong Kong).

7.2 If a Tenderer is incorporated, formed or established outside Hong Kong, a legal opinion in form and substance satisfactory to the Government and issued by a lawyer duly qualified to practise the laws of the place of incorporation, formation or establishment (as the case may be) of the Tenderer and acceptable to the Government shall be provided upon request by the Government on the following issues and any other issues as may be required by the Government at the expense of the Tenderer:

- (a) the Tenderer was duly incorporated, formed or established and validly existing under the laws of the place of the Tenderer’s incorporation, formation or establishment and that the Tenderer has full power, capacity and authority to carry on the business as it is now conducting and to supply the products and services to the Government on the terms and conditions of the proposed Contract;
- (b) the Tenderer has the full power, authority and legal capacity to:
 - (i) execute and submit its Tender and to incur the liabilities and perform the obligations under the Tender Documents; and

- (ii) enter into and execute the Contract and to incur the liabilities and perform the obligations thereunder;
- (c) the proposed Contract with the Government will, upon execution by the authorised signatory of the Tenderer and the Government of the Articles of Agreement, constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Tenderer in the place of its incorporation, formation or establishment, and is enforceable against the Tenderer in accordance with its terms;
- (d) the execution, delivery and performance of its Tender and the proposed mode of execution, delivery and performance of the Contract (if awarded to the Tenderer) have been duly authorised by all necessary corporate action of the Tenderer, and does not violate any provision of any applicable law, regulation or decree of the Tenderer's place of incorporation, formation or establishment, or the Memorandum and Articles of Association or similar constitutional documents of the Tenderer;
- (e) no authorisations, consents, approvals are required from any governmental authorities or agencies or other official bodies in the place of incorporation, formation or establishment in connection with the execution and delivery of the Tenderer's Tender, or the performance by the Tenderer of its obligations under the Tender Documents and the Contract; the Tenderer's Tender and the Contract (if awarded to the Tenderer) need not be registered or filed in the place of incorporation, formation or establishment in order to secure their validity and/or priority;
- (f) there is no restriction under the laws of the place of the Tenderer's incorporation, formation or establishment affecting the Tenderer's obligations under the Tender Documents and the Contract;
- (g) the choice of the laws of Hong Kong to govern the Tender Documents and the Contract is a valid choice of laws and would be recognised and given effect to by the courts of the place of incorporation, formation or establishment of the Tenderer;
- (h) the judgment handed by the courts of Hong Kong (at least from District Court or above) after the adjudication of any dispute arising from the Contract will be recognised and given effect to by the courts of the place of incorporation, formation or establishment of the Tenderer; and
- (i) it is not necessary under the laws of the place of incorporation, formation or establishment of the Tenderer that the Government be licensed, qualified or otherwise registered in such place of incorporation, formation or establishment in order to enable it to enforce its rights under the Tender Documents and the Contract.

7.3 The Government may require a Tenderer to provide, at its own expense, additional legal opinion satisfactory to the Government in all respects issued by a lawyer duly qualified to practise the laws of the place of incorporation, formation or establishment of the Tenderer and acceptable to the Government on any other matters arising from its Tender or the Contract. Where the opinion on the question specified in Clause 7.2(i) of this Part is negative or is subject to conditions not considered to be satisfactory to the Government, the additional legal opinion shall opine that any ruling made by the arbitrator under the arbitration provision set out in Clause 7.4 of this Part (with any proposed amendments acceptable to the Government) will be recognised and given effect to by the courts of the place of incorporation, formation or establishment of the Tenderer ("additional opinion on arbitration"). Together with the additional opinion on

arbitration to be provided, the Tenderer shall also be required to provide a confirmation in writing that in consideration of the award of the Contract, it agrees that Clause 46.2 of Part IV – Conditions of Contract shall be replaced by the arbitration clause in Clause 7.4 of this Part (with any proposed amendments acceptable to the Government) (“written confirmation on arbitration”).

- 7.4 Where the opinion on the question specified in Clause 7.2(i) of this Part is negative or is subject to qualifications not considered to be satisfactory to the Government, subject to the obtaining of the additional opinion on arbitration as mentioned in Clause 7.3 of this Part, Clause 46.2 of Part IV - Conditions of Contract shall be deemed deleted and replaced by the provision set out in this Clause 7.4 as follows (but subject to such further amendments as the Government may agree and the final version shall be annexed to the Articles of Agreement): “Any dispute arising from the Contract shall not be adjudicated by the courts of Hong Kong but shall be adjudicated by arbitration to be held in accordance with the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre Domestic Arbitration Rules prevailing at the time when a notice of arbitration is issued by a Party (“Arbitration Rules”) except that regardless of whether the Arbitration Rules providing anything to the contrary, unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing: (a) the arbitration hearing must be held in Hong Kong and that the Arbitration Ordinance (Chapter 609 of the Laws of Hong Kong) shall apply to the arbitration (including the whole of Schedule 2); and (b) without prejudice to section 18(2) of the Arbitration Ordinance, the Government may on its own disclose any information relating to (i) the arbitral proceedings under the arbitration agreement; and (ii) an award made in those arbitral proceedings under any of the circumstances mentioned in Clause 29.2 (Consent to Disclosure) of Part II – Conditions of Tender (which is deemed incorporated into this Clause)”.
- 7.5 If any of the guarantors to the Parent Guarantee required under Clause 22.1(b) of this Part (if applicable) is a company not incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, a legal opinion will equally be required similar to the one described in Clause 7.2 of this Part save that references therein to the “Tenderer” and “Contract” shall mean the guarantor and the performance guarantee respectively.

8 Qualification of Tenderer

8.1 Tenderer’s Experience

The Tenderer may wish to provide details in Schedule 10 concerning its experience in different types of Vessel Projects as described in the Assessment Criteria under (B) 1 (a) to (c) heading of the Marking Scheme together with the supporting documents as specified in Schedule 10. Where no information whatsoever has been provided for a Vessel Project, the Government will not ask for the information after the Tender Closing Date and will deem that the Tenderer has no experience in the relevant Vessel Project. Where some information has been provided in relation to a Vessel Project, the Government reserves the power, but not the obligation, to seek clarification or submission from the Tenderer of any other missing information or supporting documents in relation to that Vessel Project. The Government also reserves the power, but not the obligation, to contact a client to verify any information provided or to seek any other information as the Government considers fit. By submitting a tender, the Tenderer warrants and represents that it has obtained the prior written consent of all clients referred to in Schedule 10 or whose details having been subsequently supplied to Government upon any request of the Government

to release the information to the Government concerning the Vessel Projects and for Government to contact directly with such clients.

8.2 Shipyard Facilities

- (a) The Tenderer's nominated shipyard for the construction of the Vessel must have all the essential shipbuilding and workshop facilities including lifting gear, hull construction and calibration equipment, machinery installation and calibration equipment and vessel launching or slipping facilities.
- (b) The Tenderer shall provide information of the nominated shipyard and workshop facilities as required in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 (Tenderer's Information) in Part V to substantiate that the nominated shipyard and workshop facilities comply with the requirements stipulated in Clause 8.2(a) above. The Tenderer's tender will **not** be considered further if the Tenderer fails to provide the required information before the Tender Closing Date or by the time which may subsequently be specified by the Government at the Government's discretion.

8.3 Accreditation

The Tenderer may wish to provide information in relation to any International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS) Accreditations awarded to it, together with supporting documents, for evaluation under Assessment Criterion (B) 2 of the Marking Scheme.

9 Particulars of Offer

9.1 The Tenderer shall provide in Schedule 6 the particulars of each proposed Equipment complying with the Original Requirements, and if it so wishes, also Equipment exceeding the Original Requirements as specified therein including:

- (a) the name of the manufacturer;
- (b) the name of Equipment as advertised by the manufacturer (if applicable);
- (c) the quantity of Equipment offered per Vessel;
- (d) the model or version number as advertised by the manufacturer (if applicable);
- (e) specifications of the Equipment including those specific information as expressly required in Schedule 6 in relation to the particular Equipment;
- (f) contact details for warranty and after sales service; and
- (g) whether or not the offered Equipment comply with or exceed the Original Requirements.

9.2 The Tenderer shall note the requirements stipulated in Paragraph 1.5.3 (Design and Construction Responsibility) and Paragraph 2.3.4 (Rules and Regulations) of Part VII. The Tenderer shall state in Schedule 9 which Recognised Organisation (RO) and its rules and regulations and class notation shall be used and complied with in the design and construction of the Vessel.

9.3 The Tenderer's tender will **not** be considered further if the Tenderer fails to submit the information required for the Equipment complying with or exceeding the Original Requirements in Schedule 6 and the information specified in Clause 9.2 above in Schedule 9 in its tender before the Tender Closing Date.

- 9.4 The Tenderer must not offer to supply any used or refurbished goods to the Government. If a Tenderer fails to comply with this requirement, its tender will **not** be further considered. By submitting a tender, the Tenderer undertakes and declares that all goods it offers in this Invitation to Tender will be fresh from stock and/or a factory (in the case of Equipment which are required to be Proprietary Made) or originally built for this Contract (in all other cases).
- 9.5 Innovative Suggestions are one type of Excess Proposals achieving any of the benefits specified in assessment criterion (A)(4) of the Marking Scheme. Regardless of whether or not an Excess Proposal already completed in Schedule 6 or 7 overlaps with an Innovative Suggestion, to the extent that the Tenderer wishes to submit an Innovative Suggestion and be evaluated under assessment criterion (A)(4) of the Marking Scheme, the Tenderer shall submit the details of the Innovative Suggestion in Schedule 11 (Innovative Suggestions) of Part V. Otherwise no mark will be awarded even if any proposal set out elsewhere could also be evaluated under the scope of assessment criterion (A)(4) of the Marking Scheme.

10 Technical Drawings

- 10.1 The Tenderer shall provide in Schedule 7 all preliminary plans and information in relation to the proposed Vessel as required in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 7 by the Tender Closing Date. For those plans and information which are identified as essential requirements in Annex C to Part II, the Tenderer's tender will **not** be considered further if the Tenderer fails to submit any of these plans or information by the Tender Closing Date.

11 Proposed Sub-contractors

- 11.1 Where applicable, Tenderers shall provide in Paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 details of the proposed sub-contractors to be appointed to perform the Contract. The Government reserves the power to request the Tenderer to withdraw any sub-contracting proposal and if the Tenderer refuses to do so, its tender may not be considered further.

12 Quotation

- 12.1 A tender must offer to supply the Vessel and the Spare Parts in Ready for Use condition and fulfilling and/or exceeding the Original Requirements in Schedule 1 - Price Schedule and in the prescribed quantities as specified in Schedule 1. A partial tender for some but not all such items specified in Schedule 1 – Price Schedule will **not** be considered. For Excess Proposals for the Vessel and the Spare Parts exceeding the Original Requirements, the unit price quotations for the Vessel and the Spare Parts shall include and be deemed to have included such Excess Proposals.
- 12.2 The Tenderer is requested to quote in Hong Kong or United States dollars in Schedule 1 of Part V (a) an all-inclusive unit price for the Vessel in Ready for Use condition and complying with and/or exceeding the Original Requirements in Item 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1; (b) the unit price for each set of the Spare Parts complying with and/or exceeding the Original Requirements as specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1; and (c) the unit price of a ship model of the Vessel in Part 3 of Schedule 1. **Offers submitted in other currencies will not be considered further.**

- 12.3 The all-inclusive unit price quoted for the Vessel in Ready for Use condition and complying with and/or exceeding the Original Requirements shall be deemed to be an all-inclusive price for all items and services required whether specified in the Contract or otherwise to ensure that the Vessel is Ready for Use including without limitation the price and charges for all Work, Equipment complying with and/or exceeding the Original Requirements in the quantities as specified in Schedule 6, the Deliverables in respect of the Vessel (including the Excess Proposals), delivery of the Vessel together with all Equipment and the Deliverables to the Government Dockyard, insurance, taxes, duties and licences. No other money whatsoever and on account of whatsoever purpose will be payable by the Government for these items and services.
- 12.4 In addition, the Contractor will be required to construct the Vessel on a total solution basis and no contribution from the Government whether in terms of manpower, equipment or shipyard facilities will be provided. On this basis, the Tenderer should have included in the unit price for the Vessel in Schedule 1 all prices chargeable for purpose of supplying the Vessel in full compliance with all of the requirements of the Contract. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Government be responsible for any other costs and liabilities incurred by the Contractor in supplying the Vessel other than its unit price as quoted in Schedule 1 and accepted by the Government.
- 12.5 An offer with any price variation clause including without limitation one which is based on foreign exchange market fluctuation will **not** be considered further.
- 12.6 All prices and charging rates quoted in United States dollars will be converted into Hong Kong dollars for the purpose of price assessment. The conversion rate shall be based on the selling rate quoted by the Hong Kong Association of Banks on the Tender Closing Date.
- 12.7 Payment will be made in the currency specified in the Contract.

13 Accuracy of Tender Prices

- 13.1 It is the duty of the Tenderer to make certain that prices quoted are accurate before submitting its tender. Under no circumstances will the Government be obliged to accept any request for price adjustment after the Tender Closing Date. Where the Government considers that allowing price adjustment is not appropriate, the Tenderer shall be bound by its original tender price if its tender is accepted by the Government. Nothing herein prejudices the Government's power, but not an obligation, to seek clarification or negotiate with any Tenderer. The Government may also, but is not obliged, ask the Tenderer to confirm a corrected figure based on an apparent arithmetical or typo mistake. Where there is inconsistency in the unit price and the total price for any item, the Government may, but is not obliged, seek clarification or treat one rather than the other as correct, without seeking clarification whereupon any treatment shall be binding on the Tenderer.

14 Tender to Remain Valid and Open

- 14.1 A tender once submitted by a Tenderer will be binding on the Tenderer.
- 14.2 It is an Essential Requirement that a tender shall remain valid and open for acceptance for a period of **270 days** after the Tender Closing Date ("**Tender Validity Period**").

- 14.3 By submitting a tender, the Tenderer undertakes and agrees that its tender shall remain valid and open throughout the Tender Validity Period. A Tenderer who counter-proposes a shorter Tender Validity Period than the period specified in Clause 14.2 above will be disqualified and its tender will **not** be considered further.

15 Tenderer's Commitment

- 15.1 All tenders, information and responses from a Tenderer must be submitted in writing. All parts of the tender submitted by a Tenderer will, if and to the extent accepted by the Government, and subject to such changes as the Government may stipulate in exercise of its powers under these Conditions of Tender or as the parties may agree, form part of the Contract if the Contract is awarded to that Tenderer.
- 15.2 The Government reserves the right not to consider a tender that directly or indirectly attempts to preclude or limit the effect of any requirement specified in the Lodging of Tender, these Conditions of Tender or the Annexes to this Part.

16 Communication with the Government

- 16.1 Only those communications which are in writing from the Government may be considered as duly authorised on behalf of the Government. Similarly, only communications from the Tenderer, which are in writing and are stated to be made for and on behalf of the Tenderer will be recognised by the Government as duly authorised by the Tenderer.
- 16.2 All communications connected with or arising out of these Tender Documents shall be conducted directly between the Government and the Tenderer irrespective of the number of manufacturers or Sub-contractors involved.
- 16.3 Unless otherwise expressly stated by the Government in writing, any statement, whether oral or written made in response to any enquiry made by a prospective Tenderer shall be for information only. No such statement constitutes a representation or warranty of whatsoever nature, express or implied, and no invitation is made by the Government to any Tenderer or prospective Tenderer to rely on the accuracy or completeness of such statement. Unless in the context of an issued addendum to these Tender Documents, the statement will not be deemed to form part of these Tender Documents and it shall not alter, negate or waive any of the provisions set out in the Tender Documents.

17 Tenderer's Counter-Proposal

- 17.1 By submitting their tenders, unless otherwise expressly permitted, all Tenderers agree to comply with and observe all parts of the Tender Documents which relate to all matters concerning or relating to this Invitation to Tender, including without limitation all provisions in these Conditions of Tender and the Annexes to this Part, Lodging of Tender, Schedules and Offer to be Bound. Unless otherwise expressly permitted, none of such terms and conditions may be varied, and any counter-proposal from a Tenderer to vary any such term or condition will, without prejudice to other rights and powers of the Government, be ignored, or otherwise the tender may not be considered further.

- 17.2 Save in the case of the Conditions of Contract and their Annexes, the successful Tenderer is equally required to accept all terms and conditions in the Tender Documents which form part of the Contract on an “as is” basis. Unless otherwise acceptable to the Government, a counter-proposal submitted by a Tenderer will, without prejudice to other rights and powers of the Government, (a) either be ignored; or (b) the Tenderer will be asked to withdraw it (failing which its tender will not be considered); or (c) no request for withdrawal will be given and the tender will immediately not be considered. None of the above (a) and (b) shall apply in the case any counter-proposal to any requirement in Part VII (whether with or without [E] label but excluding desirable specifications labelled with [D]). Such counter-proposal will lead to disqualification of the Tenderer, subject only to any clarification opportunity which may be given pursuant to Clause 17.6 of this Part. In the case of the Conditions of Contract and their Annexes or the payment schedule in Schedule 3, the Tenderer may submit counter-proposals but strictly in accordance with Clause 17.3 of this Part.
- 17.3 Any counter-proposal to the Conditions of Contract or their Annexes or Schedule 3 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Any counter-proposal shall be drafted and submitted in the following manner:
- (a) the counter-proposal shall be attached to the Offer to be Bound;
 - (b) the original version of the relevant provision must be fully recited before any proposed alteration or deletion is made;
 - (c) any alteration to any terms or requirements must be underlined and must bear the corresponding Clause number of the original provision unless it is an addition;
 - (d) words to be deleted shall be crossed out by a single line only; and
 - (e) an explanation shall be given below any such alteration or deletion and be put in square brackets ([]).
- 17.4 Unless the Government waives the requirements in Clause 17.3 of this Part, a counter-proposal which is not submitted in accordance with Clause 17.3 of this Part will be ignored and will not form part of the Contract, and the Tenderer concerned will be deemed to have agreed to the original term to which the counter-proposal relates.
- 17.5 The Government reserves the right to negotiate with the Tenderer concerning any counter-proposals regardless of whether they have been submitted in accordance with Clause 17.3 of this Part. The Government may refrain from awarding the Contract to the Tenderer who is unwilling to withdraw its counter-proposal(s) which are not acceptable to the Government.
- 17.6 Where the Tenderer has in Schedule 5 affirmed its compliance with any requirement in the Technical Specifications (whether with or without label [E] or desirable specifications labelled with [D]) but (a) it has also submitted counter-proposals to any such requirements (whether by way of the items proposed in any of the Contract Schedules or by way of a specifically drafted provision containing the counter-proposal or otherwise) or (b) the Government, based on the information available to it including information published by the relevant manufacturer or in the tender, is in doubt as to whether the proposed Vessel or any proposed Equipment does at the time of evaluation truly comply with such requirements, the Government may, but is not obliged to, seek clarification with the Tenderer concerned pursuant to Clause 19 of this Part. In the event that the Tenderer refuses to affirm compliance with the relevant requirements in the course of the clarification or if the Tenderer has affirmed compliance, but the Government is not satisfied that the proposed Vessel or any proposed Equipment does at the time of evaluation truly comply with such requirements, where the relevant

requirements are Essential Requirements labelled as [E], or other Original Requirements in the Technical Specifications which are not labelled as [E] or [D], the Tenderer will be disqualified and its tender will **not** be considered further.

- 17.7 Without prejudice to the rights and powers of the Government (including without limitation those under Clause 17.6 of this Part), the Government has no obligation to any Tenderer that in relation to another Tenderer's offer, it should take into account information from any third party source (including from the manufacturer) to verify that other Tenderer's or its offer's compliance with any essential requirement (including those set out in the Technical Specifications and those set out in these Conditions of Tender).

18 Equivalent International Standard

- 18.1 Any Equipment item offered by the Tenderer which is in compliance with an alternative standard different from the standard specified in the Technical Specifications ("**original standard**") may be considered provided that it can be shown that meeting such alternative standard means that the Equipment item complies with specifications no worse than those specifications covered by the original standard.
- 18.2 A Tenderer shall identify in its tender the alternative standard with which its offered Equipment item is in compliance. It shall also provide a comparison between the alternative standard and the original standard and documentary evidence satisfactory to the Government that compliance with the alternative standard means compliance with the specifications which are no worse than the specifications covered by the original standard.
- 18.3 Without prejudice to the power of the Government to request late submission, a Tenderer's failure to submit the information and/or documentary evidence requested above to the Government's satisfaction will lead to its tender not being considered further if the specifications are Essential Requirements.

19 Request for Information

- 19.1 In the event that the Government determines that:
- (a) clarification in relation to any part of the Tender is necessary (including without limitation in relation to any apparent inconsistency in the proposals submitted by the Tenderer); or
 - (b) a document or a piece of information other than the document or information set out in Clause 19.2 of this Part, is missing from any Tender,
- it may, but is not obliged to, request the Tenderer concerned to make the necessary clarification, or submit the required document or information. The Tenderer concerned shall thereafter within five (5) working days or such other period as specified in the request submit such clarification, information or document in the form required by the Government. A Tender will **not** be considered further if complete information or document is not provided as required by the deadline as specified in the request, or in the case of clarification, such clarification is not provided by such deadline or is not acceptable to the Government. Without prejudice to the foregoing, any excess proposal or information supplied by a Tenderer which goes beyond what has been requested by the Government will be ignored for the purposes of the tender evaluation or will entitle (but not oblige) the Government to disqualify the Tenderer concerned. As an alternative to seeking clarification or further information or document, the Government may not

consider the Tender further or may proceed to evaluate the Tender on an “as is” basis.

19.2 The document and information not covered by Clause 19.1(b) of this Part are:

- (a) unit price quotations required in Schedule 1 - Price Schedule;
- (b) a signed Part VI – Offer to be Bound;
- (c) any other document or information in respect of which it is specified in the Tender Documents that a failure to provide to the Government in a Tender by the Tender Closing Date will result in the Tender not being considered including those specified in paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of Annex B to this Part.

20 Tender Evaluation

20.1 Without prejudice to other rights and powers of the Government to disqualify a Tenderer under other applicable provisions in the Tender Documents, Tenders will undergo the assessments mentioned in Annex A (Tender Evaluation Procedures).

21 Languages

21.1 All notices, correspondence and other communications, and all documents prepared or provided, under or in connection with this Invitation to Tender shall be in the English or Chinese languages. If documents are originally prepared in any other language, the Tenderer shall at its own cost provide the Government with English or Chinese language translation.

22 Contract Deposit, Parent Guarantee and Advance Payment Bond

22.1 Within 21 days from the date of **confirmation of Notification of Conditional Acceptance** (or such longer period as the Government may allow in writing), the successful Tenderer shall pay to the Government:

- (a) a Contract Deposit whether in cash or as a bank guarantee in the form set out in Annex A to the Conditions of Contract equal to two per cent (2%) of the Total Purchase Price; and
- (b) if expressly required in the Notification of Conditional Acceptance a duly executed Parent Guarantee in the form appearing in Annex B to the Conditions of Contract with only such amendments as may previously have been agreed in writing by the Government to be executed by each of the individual shareholders or holding company (direct or indirect) (as the case may be) stipulated by the Government in the condition. The Government is entitled to decide whether the guarantor(s) providing the Parent Guarantee is/are acceptable and to refuse the offer from any successful Tenderer which fails to meet the Government’s requirements; and
- (c) where the Tenderer intends to receive the first instalment of the Total Purchase Price by issuing an invoice to the Government for such instalment upon signing of the Articles of Agreement, an Advance Payment Bond in the form set out in Annex A to the Conditions of Contract in the same amount as the first instalment as specified in Schedule 3 – Payment Schedule.

22.2 Contract Deposit (where it is to be settled by bank guarantee) and an Advance Payment Bond to be submitted by the successful Tenderer pursuant to Clauses 22.1(a) and (c) of this Part shall be issued by a licensed bank in Hong Kong (i.e. a bank with a valid banking license issued under the Banking Ordinance, Cap. 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

23 Negotiations

- 23.1 The Government reserves the right to negotiate with any Tenderer in relation to the Tenderer's Tender and the terms and conditions of the Contract. If the Government at its discretion considers appropriate, the Government will normally conduct negotiation with the Tenderer whose Tender is identified as the most advantageous to the Government based on the assessments set out in Annex A to this Part.

24 Award of Contract

- 24.1 Unless the Government decides that it is in the public interest not to award the Contract, subject to the other provisions of the Tender Documents, the Contract will normally be awarded to the Tenderer who passes the assessments as mentioned in Annex A (Tender Evaluation Procedures) to this Part and has attained the highest combined score under these assessments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Government is not bound to accept the Tender with the highest combined score or any Tender and reserves the right to accept any Tender at any time within the Tender Validity Period.
- 24.2 Even if the Tenderer is identified as the successful Tenderer for the award of the Contract pursuant to Clause 24.1 of this Part, the Government reserves the right to accept all or any part of the Tenderer's offer including all or any of the Excess Proposals.

25 Formation of Contract

- 25.1 Unless and until the Articles of Agreement have been executed by both the successful Tenderer and the Government, there is no Contract between the Government and that Tenderer.
- 25.2 The successful Tenderer will be notified within the Tender Validity Period as specified in Clause 14.2 of this Part (as the same may be from time to time extended with the agreement of the Tenderers) (such notification is referred to as "**Notification of Conditional Acceptance**"). Upon receipt of such Notification of Conditional Acceptance, the successful Tenderer shall be obliged to fulfil all of the following conditions to the satisfaction of the Government within 21 days of the notification (or such later date as the Government may allow):
- (a) the Contract Deposit and where applicable the Advance Payment Bond as required under Clauses 22.1(a) and (c) of this Part;
 - (b) the provision of a Parent Guarantee as required under Clause 22.1(b) of this Part (if applicable);
 - (c) the provision of a legal opinion as required under Clause 7.2 and/or 7.5 of this Part (if applicable);
 - (d) the warranty agreement in the form set out in Annex C to the Conditions of Contract to be executed by each Sub-contractor together with copies of the relevant sub-contracts between the successful Tenderer and the Sub-contractors;
 - (e) if not already provided in the Tender or if there are any subsequent changes, certified true copies of corporate documents of the successful Tenderer including the memorandum and articles of association or equivalent documents and business licence of the successful Tenderer and filings with the relevant registry showing the names of its directors and shareholders;

- (f) if the legal opinion in relation to the successful Tenderer is required as mentioned in Sub-clause (c) above, and that the legal opinion on the issue specified in Clause 7.2(i) of this Part is negative or is subject to conditions not considered to be satisfactory to the Government, the additional opinion on arbitration as well as the successful Tenderer's written confirmation on arbitration as required in Clause 7.3 of this Part;
 - (g) where the successful Tenderer carries on business in Hong Kong, a copy of the insurance policy as required under Clause 7.1 of the Conditions of Contract, and evidence of payment of premium thereunder; and
 - (h) if requested by the Government, the agreement to the deletion of any Excess Proposals not accepted by the Government (regardless of whether they were evaluated on under the Marking Scheme and gained marks for the Tenderer) by initialling against the deletions on the version of the relevant Contract Schedules of Part V attached to the Notification of Conditional Acceptance and returning the same to the Government for incorporation into the final version of the Contract;; and
 - (i) such other conditions as the Government may stipulate in the Notification of Conditional Acceptance.
- 25.3 Unless and to the extent waived by the Government in writing, upon fulfilment of the conditions by the Tenderer specified in Clause 25.2 of this Part to the satisfaction of the Government, the Government will, subject to Clause 26 of this Part, enter into the Contract with the successful Tenderer by signing the Articles of Agreement. The Contract will incorporate, to the extent accepted by the Government, the Tender submitted by the successful Tenderer (subject to such other changes as the Government may stipulate in exercise of its powers under the Tender Documents (including without limitation the exclusion of any parts of the Tender which are to be ignored under any provisions of the Tender Documents) or such changes as the parties may agree). If a Tenderer fails to fulfil all or any of the conditions mentioned in Clause 25.2 of this Part (unless and save to the extent they are waived by the Government in writing, if any), or fails to enter into the Articles of Agreement upon notification by the Government ("defaulting Tenderer"), the Notification of Conditional Acceptance will become void and be of no further force. The Government will disqualify the defaulting Tenderer, and it may, but is not obliged to, award the Contract to another Tenderer. Without prejudice to other rights and claims of the Government, the defaulting Tenderer shall be responsible for the difference in the Tender price submitted by that Tenderer and the eventual Contractor who will be awarded the Contract whether appointed pursuant to this Invitation to Tender exercise or another subsequent invitation exercise. On the other hand, notwithstanding anything in the Tender Documents or in the conditional acceptance of tender to the contrary, in the event that the Government exercises any of its discretion under Clause 26 of this Part, the Government shall be entitled not to enter into the Contract with a Tenderer even if the Tenderer has received a conditional notification of acceptance and fulfilled all the conditions specified in Clause 25.2 of this Part.
- 25.4 Tenderers who do not receive any notification within the Tender Validity Period will mean that their tenders have not been accepted.

26 Government Discretion

- 26.1 Notwithstanding anything in these Tender Documents to the contrary, if it is in the public interest to do so, the Government reserves the right to (a) cancel this Invitation to Tender,

and abstain from making any award of the Contract; or (b) re-conduct the evaluation specified in Annex A to this Part to identify the successful Tenderer notwithstanding the issue of any conditional acceptance of tender under Clause 25.2 of this Part to any Tenderer.

- 26.2 After cancellation pursuant to Clause 26.1(a) above, if and when it considers fit, the Government reserves the right to re-issue this Invitation to Tender on such terms and conditions as the Government considers fit.
- 26.3 Alternatively, if and when it considers fit, the Government may undertake or commission any other person (be it a public body or a third party contractor) to undertake the work covered by the Contract or any part thereof.
- 26.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Tender Documents, the Government reserves the right, but not the obligation, to disqualify a Tenderer on grounds including without limitation:
- (a) a petition is presented or a proceeding is commenced or an order is made or a resolution is passed for the winding up or bankruptcy of the Tenderer; or
 - (b) in the sole judgment of the Government Representative, the Tenderer is not considered fit and proper to perform the Contract; or
 - (c) a false, inaccurate or incomplete statement, representation or declaration is contained in the tender or a false or forged document is submitted in the tender or a promise or a proposal is made by the Tenderer but with the actual or constructive knowledge that it will not be able to fulfil or deliver such promise or proposal; or
 - (d) in the event of a claim, an allegation or the Government having grounds to believe that any thing(s) or material(s) to be supplied or recommended by the Tenderer in its tender infringes or will infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any person; or
 - (e) anytime during the 48 months prior to the Tender Closing Date or between the Tender Closing Date and the award of the Contract, the Tenderer is in default of its material obligation(s) under any other Government contract providing goods and/or services awarded by the Director of Marine regardless of whether or not such default has led to the termination of the relevant Government contract and whether or not such default has been remedied.
- 26.5 For the avoidance of doubt, there is no intended difference in meaning between the two alternative expressions that “the Tenderer will be disqualified” or that “its tender will **not** be considered further”.

27 Contractors’ Performance Monitoring

- 27.1 If a Tenderer is awarded the Contract, its subsequent performance will be monitored and may be taken into account when its future offers for other tenders / quotations exercises are evaluated.

28 Cost of Tender

- 28.1 Tenderer shall submit its Tender at its own cost and expense. The Government shall not be liable for any costs and expenses whatsoever incurred by a Tenderer in connection with the preparation or submission of its Tender including all costs and expenses relating to (a) communication or negotiations with the Government; or (b) providing presentation

or demonstration to the Government; or (c) attending briefings, document inspections, site visits or surveys ; or (d) in presenting its reference sites or factories and equipment to the Government representatives during the site visits by the Government representatives, whether before or after the Tender Closing Date.

29 Consent to Disclosure

- 29.1 The Government may disclose, whenever it considers appropriate, to the public or upon request by any member of the public (which may have been a Tenderer) without any further reference to or consent from the successful Tenderer or any other Tenderer, the Tender Documents, particulars (including the nature and quantity) of the products/services to be provided by the successful Tenderer, the date of the award, the name and address of the successful Tenderer, place of manufacture of the Vessel to be supplied and the Total Purchase Price.
- 29.2 Nothing in Clause 29.1 above shall prejudice the Government's power to disclose whenever it considers appropriate information of any nature whatsoever in relation to or concerning any Tenderer (successful or unsuccessful) or its Tender (whether or not specified in Clause 29.1 above and including information recorded in whatever media) if the disclosure is made under any one of the following circumstances:
- (a) the disclosure of any information to any public officer or public body, as defined in the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any other person employed, used or engaged by the Government (including agents, advisers, contractors and consultants);
 - (b) the disclosure of any information already known to the recipient;
 - (c) the disclosure of any information which is public knowledge (including due to disclosure to a public body under Clause 29.2(a) of this Part);
 - (d) the disclosure of any information in circumstances where such disclosure is required pursuant to any law of Hong Kong, a request made by the Review Body on Bid Challenges ("the Review Body") under the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization ("WTO GPA") (where applicable), or an order of a court of Hong Kong or a tribunal with competent jurisdiction; or
 - (e) the disclosure of any information regarding anti-competitive collusive conduct to the Competition Commission of Hong Kong (and other authorities as relevant);
 - (f) without prejudice to the power of the Government under Clause 29.1 above, to the extent the information relates to a Tenderer, with the prior written consent of that Tenderer.

30 Intellectual Property Rights Licence

- 30.1 A Tender once submitted will become the property of the Government. Tenders of unsuccessful Tenderer may be destroyed in accordance with Clause 39 of this Part. In consideration of the Government considering its Tender on and subject to the terms and conditions of the Tender Documents, without prejudice to all other rights and powers of the Government under the Tender Documents (including in particular its right to disclose information in the Tenders) and under the Contract (including in particular the Licence), each Tenderer hereby grants and shall upon the demand of the Government at the

Tenderer's cost procure that the lawful owner or authorised person of the relevant Intellectual Property Rights will grant, to the Government, its assigns, successors-in-title and authorised users, a royalty-free, non-exclusive, irrevocable, sub-licensable, transferable, world-wide, unrestricted right and licence to use or exercise all or any Intellectual Property Rights subsisting in its Tender and the presentation and demonstration to be conducted by the Tenderer (if any) including but not limited to doing any of the acts restricted by copyright under sections 22 to 29 of the Copyright Ordinance (Chapter 528 of the Laws of Hong Kong) for the purposes of tender evaluation and the disclosure as mentioned in Clause 29 of this Part and for all other purposes incidental thereto or in connection therewith. Such right and licence shall continue to subsist so long as all or any Intellectual Property Rights subsist in the Tender (or any part thereof) and the presentation and demonstration to be conducted by the Tenderer (if any) under any applicable law, including the laws of Hong Kong.

- 30.2 The Tenderer shall indemnify the Government, its assigns, successors-in-title, and authorised users on the terms set out in Clause 21 of Part IV – Conditions of Contract in the event if the exercise by any of them of the rights mentioned in Clause 30.1 of this Part infringes or is alleged to infringe the Intellectual Property Rights of any person.
- 30.3 The Tenderer shall irrevocably waive, and undertake to procure at its own cost and expense all authors and presenters of the Tender, the presentation and demonstration (if any) or any part thereof to irrevocably waive, all moral rights (whether past, present or future) in such items. The waiver shall operate in favour of the Government, its assigns, successors-in-title and authorised users and shall take effect from the date of submission of the Tender.

31 New Information

- 31.1 Each Tenderer should inform the Government in writing immediately of any factor which might affect its ability to meet any requirements of the Tender Documents, e.g., if the Tenderer is no longer the authorised agent for supplying a proprietary product. The Government reserves the right not to consider a Tenderer's Tender further if the Tenderer's continued ability to meet such requirements is in doubt.

32 Personal Data Provided

- 32.1 All personal data provided in a Tender will be used by the Government for the purposes of the Invitation to Tender and all other purposes arising from or incidental to it (including for the purposes of tender evaluation, the award of the Contract and resolution of any dispute arising from this Invitation to Tender). If the Tender is a successful Tender, the purposes shall be extended to include Contract enforcement and management, and resolution of dispute arising from the Contract. The Government may further disclose the personal data to such persons as it considers necessary for achieving all or any of the aforesaid purposes.
- 32.2 By submitting a Tender, a Tenderer is deemed to have agreed to, and to have obtained from each individual whose personal data is provided in the Tender, his consent for the disclosure to the Government, use and further disclosure by the Government of the personal data for the purposes and to the persons specified in Clause 32.1 above.

- 32.3 An individual to whom personal data belongs and a person authorised by him in writing has the right of access and correction with respect to the individual's personal data as provided for in sections 18 and 22, and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Chapter 486 of the Laws of Hong Kong). The right of access includes the right to obtain a copy of the individual's personal data provided in the Tender.
- 32.4 Enquiries concerning the personal data collected by means of the tender including the making of access and corrections shall be addressed to the Personal Data Privacy Officer of the Marine Department.

33 Warning against Bribery

- 33.1 The offer of an advantage to any Government officer with a view to influencing the award of the Contract is an offence under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Chapter 201 of the Laws of Hong Kong). Any such offence committed by a Tenderer or any of its officers (including directors), employees or agents will render its Tender null and void.
- 33.2 The successful Tenderer shall inform its officers, employees (whether permanent or temporary), agents and sub-contractors who are connected with the performance of the Contract, that the soliciting or accepting of advantages, as defined in the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Chapter 201 of the Laws of Hong Kong) is not permitted. The successful Tenderer shall also caution its officers, employees and agents and sub-contractors against soliciting or accepting any hospitality, entertainment or inducement which may impair their impartiality in relation to the selection of its sub-contractors, if any, or the supervision of the work of the sub-contractors once selected.

34 Warranty Against Collusion

- 34.1 The Tenderer must ensure that the Tender is prepared without any agreement, arrangement, communication, understanding, promise or undertaking with any other person (except as provided in paragraph 3 of the Non-collusive Tendering Certificate referred to in Clause 34.2 of this Part), regarding, amongst other things, price, tender submission procedure or any terms of the Tender. Bid-rigging is inherently anti-competitive and is considered serious anti-competitive conduct under the Competition Ordinance (Chapter 619 of the Laws of Hong Kong). Tenderers who engage in bid-rigging conduct may be liable for the imposition of pecuniary penalties and other sanctions under the Competition Ordinance.
- 34.2 The Tenderer shall complete and submit to the Government a Non-collusive Tendering Certificate (in the form set out in Schedule 12 of Part V ("Non-collusive Tendering Certificate")) as part of its Tender.
- 34.3 In the event that a Tenderer is in breach of any of the representations, warranties and/or undertakings in Clause 34.1 of this Part or in the Non-collusive Tendering Certificate submitted by it under Clause 34.2 of this Part, the Government shall be entitled to, without compensation to any person or liability on the part of the Government:
- (a) reject the Tenderer's Tender;
 - (b) if the Government has accepted the Tender, withdraw its acceptance of the Tenderer's Tender; and

- (c) if the Government has entered into the Contract with the Tenderer, terminate the Contract under Clause 29.1.9 of Part IV - Conditions of Contract.
- 34.4 By submitting a Tender, a Tenderer is regarded to have undertaken to indemnify and keep indemnified the Government against all losses, damages, costs or expenses arising out of or in relation to any breach of any of the representations, warranties and/or undertakings in Clause 34.1 of this Part or in the Non-collusive Tendering Certificate submitted by it under Clause 34.2 of this Part.
- 34.5 A breach by a Tenderer of any of the representations, warranties and/or undertakings in Clause 34.1 of this Part or in the Non-collusive Tendering Certificate submitted by it under Clause 34.2 of this Part may prejudice its future standing as a Government contractor or service provider.
- 34.6 The rights of the Government under Clauses 34.3 to 34.5 of this Part are in addition to and without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to it against the Tenderer.

35 Authentication of the Submitted Information/Document

- 35.1 By submitting a Tender in response to the Invitation to Tender, each Tenderer authorises the Government to obtain from
 - (a) any person whose particulars are set out in the tender submitted by the Tenderer including the manufacturer and any other proposed sub-contractor specified in the Contract Schedules, and
 - (b) any issuing body of any of the certificates or documentary evidence required in the Tender Documents,all information which the Government considers appropriate and relevant to the evaluation of the Tender including information to verify the legitimacy, completeness, authenticity and accuracy of any information or document submitted by the Tenderer. If any consent from any other person is required for the Government to obtain any of the aforesaid information or document, the Tenderer represents that such consent has been duly obtained.

36 Complaints about Tendering Process or Contract Awards

- 36.1 The tendering process is subject to internal monitoring to ensure that the relevant contract is awarded properly and fairly. Any Tenderer who feels that its Tender has not been fairly evaluated may write to the Director of Marine who will personally examine the complaint and refer it to the approving authority/relevant tender boards for consideration, where the complaint relates to the tendering system or procedures followed. Regardless of the nature of the complaint, the Tenderer must lodge the complaint within three (3) months after the award of Contract.
- 36.2 A Review Body on Bid Challenges under the WTO GPA has been set up by the Government to deal with challenges made against alleged breaches of the WTO GPA. The relevant procedures for handling bid challenges are set out in the Rules of Operation

of the Review Body which are available for inspection at the Secretariat of the Review Body located at the Trade and Industry Department. They may also be sent to the interested parties upon request to the Secretariat of the Review Body. In the event that a Tenderer believes that a breach of the WTO GPA has occurred, the Tenderer may, within ten (10) working days after it knew or reasonably should have known the basis of the challenge, lodge a challenge to the Review Body on the alleged breaches of the WTO GPA. Nevertheless, the Tenderer is encouraged to seek resolution of its complaint in consultation with the Marine Department before lodging a complaint to the Review Body. In such instances, the Marine Department shall accord impartial and timely consideration to any such complaint, in a manner that is not prejudicial to obtaining corrective measures through the Review Body.

- 36.3 The Review Body may receive and consider a late challenge but a challenge will not be considered if it is filed later than thirty (30) working days after the basis of the challenge is known or reasonably should have been known to the Tenderer.

37 Supplementary Information

- 37.1 Tenderers should look out for any amendments to these Tender Documents that will be published on the Internet (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk>) before the Tender Closing Date.
- 37.2 Prospective Tenderers should provide their information such as company name, contact person, contact number, email address and facsimile number to the Senior Surveyor of Ships of the Government New Construction Section of the Marine Department by fax ((852) 2746 0518) or email (gnc@mardep.gov.hk) if they wish to receive written notifications from the Government in respect of all supplementary information or tender addenda to these Tender Documents.

38 Immigration

- 38.1 The Tenderer is reminded that, as a general policy, importation of labour from a place other than Hong Kong is not allowed by the Immigration Department save that in some special deserving circumstances the Director of Immigration may permit the importation of key management and technical personnel on a temporary basis. It is the Tenderer's sole responsibility to make any such arrangement as circumstances may require including obtaining work visas for those staff who are required to travel to Hong Kong for performing the Contract.

39 Documents of Unsuccessful Tenderers and Limitation Period for Claims Arising from this Invitation to Tender

- 39.1 The documents of unsuccessful Tenderers shall be retained for a period of not less than three years after the date of the Articles of Agreement are signed by both the Government and the successful Tenderer. No Tenderer shall initiate any claim or legal proceedings against the Government arising from this Invitation to Tender after the expiry of three years from the date the Contract has been awarded and the Articles of Agreement signed (in the case if WTO GPA applies to this Invitation to Tender) or after expiry of one year from the date the Contract has been awarded and the Articles of Agreement signed (in the case if WTO GPA does not apply to this Invitation to Tender).

40 Probable Requirements

- 40.1 Forecast or estimation on the quantities of the services and goods required and the Total Purchase Price payable, and all other information, statistics and forecast set out in the Tender Documents or any information or clarification provided from time to time or given at the briefing session (collectively “briefings”) (if any), are provided purely for the Tenderer’s information on an “as is” basis without warranty of any kind. The Government gives no warranty, representation or undertaking that (a) any information, statistics and forecast provided in the Tender Documents or any information or clarification provided from time to time or the briefings (if any) or otherwise are sufficient, accurate, complete, suitable or timely for any purpose whatsoever; and (b) there will be purchase of any particular quantity of equipment, hardware, software, program or service from any Tenderer whether specified in the Tender Documents to be provided upon request or demand.
- 40.2 To the maximum extent permitted by laws, the Government does not accept any liability or responsibility for (a) any claim, legal proceeding, liability, loss (including any direct or indirect loss, any loss of revenue, profit, business, contract or anticipated saving), (b) damage (including any direct, special, indirect or consequential damage of whatsoever nature) or (c) any cost or expense, suffered or incurred by any Tenderer arising from the use of, or reliance on, any information, statistics or forecast provided in the Tender Documents, or any information or clarification provided from time to time or in the briefings (if any), or otherwise that the actual price payable on and subject to the Contract do not meet the expectation or projection of any Tenderer or do not recoup the investment cost incurred or by any margin of the Total Purchase Price.
- 40.3 Each Tenderer acknowledges to the Government that it has not relied on or been induced to submit its Tender by any representation, warranty, forecast, estimate, or projection given by the Government or any of its officers, employees, agents, advisers, consultants or contractors.
- 40.4 No Tenderer will in any way be relieved from any obligation under the Tender Documents nor shall it be entitled to claim against the Government on grounds that any information, whether obtained from the Government or otherwise (including information made available by the Government) is incorrect or insufficient. The Tenderer shall make its own enquiries as to the accuracy and adequacy of all such information.

Annex A – Tender Evaluation Procedures

Without prejudice and in addition to the powers of the Government under the Tender Documents to disqualify a Tenderer, tenders submitted in response to this Invitation to Tender will be evaluated in the following manner:

Stage 1 – Completeness Check

A completeness check will be conducted by checking whether the Tenderer's Technical Proposal in the tender has been submitted in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Tender Documents. If a Tenderer fails to submit any of the documents stipulated in Paragraph (a) of Annex B to Part II – Conditions of Tender (Information / Documents to be Submitted for Tender Evaluation) for the Technical Proposal before the Tender Closing Date, its tender will **not** be considered further.

Tenders which have passed this Stage 1 assessment will proceed to Stage 2 assessment.

Stage 2 – Assessment of Compliance with Essential Requirements

1. A tender will be checked for its compliance with the Essential Requirements as detailed in the Tender Documents.
2. Any tender which fails to meet any of the Essential Requirements (viz., those set out in Annex C to this Part, those identified as such in Part VII and in any other parts of the Tender Documents) **will not be considered further.**
3. Besides the Essential Requirements, the Government may also exercise all or any of its rights and powers to not consider a Tenderer's tender further under all or any of the applicable provision of the Tender Documents. Where the Government does so under any such applicable provision, the Tenderer's tender will not be considered further.

Those tenders which have passed this stage will proceed to Stage 3.

Stage 3 – Technical Assessment

4. All Tenders which have passed Stages 1 and 2 assessment will be evaluated according to the Marking Scheme in **Annex D (Marking Scheme) to Part II - Conditions of Tender and summarised below.**

Assessment Criteria	Maximum Marks
(A) Technical Aspect	
(1) Functional Aspects	33
(2) Operational Aspects	15
(3) Environmental Aspects	17
(4) Innovative Suggestions	20
Sub-total for (A)	85

(B) Experience and Certification	
(1) Experience	11
(2) Certification	4
Sub-total for (B)	15
Total Technical Marks	100

5. A maximum weighted technical score of 60 will be allocated to the Tender achieving the highest overall technical mark. The weighted technical scores of other Tenders which have passed Stages 1 and 2 assessment will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Weighted Technical Score of a Tender} = 60 \times \frac{\text{Overall technical mark of the Tender being assessed}}{\text{Highest overall technical mark among all Tenders which have passed Stages 1 and 2 assessment}}$$

Stage 4 – Price Assessment

6. The Price Proposals of the Tenders which have passed Stages 1 to 3 assessments will be evaluated. A completeness check will be conducted to determine if all unit prices for all items complying with and/or exceeding the Original Requirements as specified in Schedule 1 have been submitted in these Tenders. If so, the tender price of each such Tender will be assessed. The “tender price” submitted in a Tender means the Total Purchase Price quoted in Schedule 1 of Part V in such Tender. A maximum weighted price score of 40 will be allocated the Tender with the lowest tender price. The weighted price scores of other Tenders which have passed Stages 1 and 2 assessment will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Weighted Price Score of a Tender} = 40 \times \frac{\text{Lowest tender price among all Tenders which have passed Stages 1 and 2 assessment}}{\text{Tender price of the Tender being assessed}}$$

Stage 5 – Calculation of combined score for Technical and Price Assessment

7. The combined score of each of the Tender proposals that have completed all of the aforesaid Stages 1 to 4 assessments will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Combined Score} = \text{Weighted Technical Score} + \text{Weighted Price Score}$$

Note: All figures of the weighted technical scores, weighted price scores and combined scores in Stages 3 to 5 assessment will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places. Figures with the values at the third decimal place larger than or equal to 0.005 will be rounded up by adding 0.01 to the figures and curtailing the third decimal place onward whereas figures with the values at the third decimal place below 0.005 will be rounded down by curtailing the third decimal place onward without changing the values at the second decimal place.

8. Normally, a Tenderer whose Tender obtained the Highest Combined Score and who is considered by the Government to be capable of undertaking the Contract will be awarded the Contract. If two or more Tenderers obtain the same Highest Combined Score, the Tenderer which obtains the higher or highest weighted technical score will be recommended for acceptance.

Annex B – Information / Documents to be Submitted for Tender Evaluation

- (a) A Tenderer shall submit all of the following in the **Technical Proposal** of its tender **before the Tender Closing Date**.
- (i) the “Offer to be Bound” in the form set out in Part VI (using the hardcopy obtained from the Government or a printed copy using a softcopy obtained from the Government) and originally signed by the Tenderer;
 - (ii) completed Schedule 5 (Statement of Compliance) of Part V (excluding any compliance statement in relation to any desirable specification);
 - (iii) all information required in Schedule 6 (List of Major Equipment to be Supplied) for each piece of Equipment complying with the Original Requirements as specified therein (excluding the technical and descriptive literature and catalogues required in Paragraph (c)(vi) below); for this purpose, the information provided in relation to an item exceeding the Original Requirements shall be taken as fulfilling the requirement specified in this sub-paragraph;
 - (iv) all such plans and information listed in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information to be Submitted with the Tender) of Part V which are specified as essential requirements in Annex C to Part II – Conditions of Tender; and
 - (v) the proposed Recognised Organisation (RO) and its rules and regulations, and class notation as required in Schedule 9 (Proposed Recognised Organisation) in Part V.

Otherwise, the Tenderer’s tender will not be considered further.

- (b) A Tenderer shall submit all of the following in the **Price Proposal** of its tender **before the Tender Closing Date**.
- (i) the unit price quotations for all items complying with the Original Requirements as required in Part 1 to Part 3 of Schedule 1 (Price Schedule) of Part V.

Otherwise, the Tenderer’s tender will not be considered further.

- (c) In addition to Paragraphs (a) and (b) above, the Tenderer is required to provide all other information/supporting documents requested in these Tender Documents or relevant to its tender, including but not limited to the following:
- (i) all such plans and information listed in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information to be Submitted with the Tender) of Part V (other than the information which is already covered in (a)(iv) above;
 - (ii) the Tenderer’s information and corporate documents as required in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 8 (Tenderer’s Information);
 - (iii) information of Tenderer’s nominated shipyard and workshop facilities as required in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 (Tenderer’s Information) of Part V;
 - (iv) where applicable, the Sub-contractors’ information in paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 (Tenderer’s Information); and
 - (v) a copy of a relevant document showing that the authorised person(s) who sign(s) the “Offer to be Bound” has/have the authority to sign for and on behalf of the Tenderer as required in Clause 5.6(b) of Part II;
 - (vi) all technical and descriptive literature and catalogues for the Equipment complying with and/or exceeding the Original Requirements specified in Schedule 6 to be

- offered for the Vessel as required in Clause 6 of Part II; and
- (vii) the signed Non-collusive Tendering Certificate in Schedule 12 as required in Clause 34 of Part II.

The Tenderer should provide all the above items at the same time when it submits tender. If any is found missing in a tender, the Government may, but is not obliged to, make a request for the missing item pursuant to Clause 19 of Part II. If the Government does elect to request the missing item, but it is still not provided by the time specified by the Government, **the Tenderer's tender may not be considered further**. Alternatively, the Government may elect to evaluate the tender on an as is basis. Or further in the alternative, the Government will not consider the Tenderer's tender further without giving any opportunity to the Tenderer to make resubmission.

- (d) The Tenderer may wish to provide the items below at the same time when it submits its tender for evaluation under the Marking Scheme.
- (i) "Excess Proposals" made by the Tenderer as follows:
1. particulars of Equipment exceeding the Original Requirements in Schedule 6 (List of Major Equipment to be Supplied) together with all technical and descriptive literature and catalogues for such Equipment exceeding the Original Requirements;
 2. any plan and information to be submitted in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information) exceeding the Original Requirements for such plan and information; and/or
 3. any Innovative Suggestions in Schedule 11 (Innovative Suggestions);
- (ii) Statement of compliance of desirable specifications in Schedule 5 (Statement of Compliance) under the heading of "Desirable Specifications"; and
- (iii) information and supporting documents to support the Tenderer's claimed experience in design and construction of Vessel Project(s) and Accreditations in Schedule 10 (Claim of Tenderer's Experience and Accreditations).

Where no information whatsoever is provided in relation to a Vessel Project or an Accreditation or an Excess Proposal, the Government will evaluate the Tender on an as is basis. Where some information has been provided in Schedule 10 in relation to a Vessel Project or an Accreditation, or some information about an Excess Proposal has been provided in the applicable Schedule, but there is other missing information or supporting document, the Government reserves the power, but not the obligation to seek the missing information or supporting document. Alternatively, the Government may choose to evaluate the tender on an as is basis. Where there is no compliance statement in relation to any of the desirable specifications, it shall be deemed that the Tenderer does not elect to comply with it.

- (e) Nothing in this Annex shall limit the Government's absolute right to determine or to request any other information/supporting documents in connection with or arising out of this Invitation to Tender.

IMPORTANT NOTE :

Tenderer should look out for any amendments to these Tender Documents that will be published on the Internet (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk>) as stipulated in Clause 37.1 of Part II.

Annex C - Essential Requirements

Item	Tender Reference	Essential Requirements in Part VII
1	Paragraph 2.4.1 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The Contract Speed shall not less than 18 knots when both of the main engines driving the waterjet propulsion units through the reversing gearboxes running with the output power at 100% of Maximum Continuous Rating (MCR) under the Official Speed Trial Conditions as stated in Annex 5 to this Part.
2	Paragraph 2.4.3 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The Vessel shall also be designed for surveying operations, at Vessel speeds within the range of 4 to 8 knots in the condition with 12 persons on board and 50% of fuel, water and storage.
3	Paragraph 2.5 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	General Requirements: Twin Hull Length Overall (LOA): Not more than 16.5 metres (Fenders included) Maximum Breadth: Within the range of 5.0 – 6.0 metres (Fenders excluded) Maximum air draught: 8 metres
4	Paragraph 2.7.1 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	Endurance for fuel capacity: At least 9 hours at Contract Speed and 15 hours at 6 knots with 10% margin
5	Paragraph 2.7.3 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	Total carrying capacity of the Vessel is 12 persons including 3 crew to operate the Vessel.
6	Paragraph 3.3.1 (a) of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The Preliminary Lines Plan of the proposed Vessel and the preliminary stability information and calculation with the curves of stability, including damaged stability for each compartment of the proposed Vessel.
7	Paragraph 3.3.1 (b) of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The weight and center of gravity prediction calculations with breakdown for the Vessel.
8	Paragraph 3.3.1 (c) of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The estimated engine propulsive power from all engines required for attaining the Contract Speed of the Vessel under the Official Speed Trial conditions as stated in Annex 5 to Part VII, together with a descriptive account of the engineering principles and methodology employed for such propulsive power estimate and evaluation.
9	Paragraph 3.3.1 (d) of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The Preliminary Construction Plan - midship, deckhouse, profile and deck, bulkhead of the Vessel.

Item	Tender Reference	Essential Requirements in Part VII
10	Paragraph 3.3.1 (e) of Part VII of the Tender Documents	A preliminary estimate of the fore and aft draught and the position of the centre of gravity (longitudinal, transverse and vertical) of the proposed design for the Vessel in its lightship, sea trial and fully loaded conditions, noting the importance of the vessel remaining trim and heel free during operation.
11	Paragraph 7.2.1 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	The Vessel shall be equipped with two (2) electrically started, fresh water cooled marine diesel engines of adequate power for the Contract Speed. The rating of the proposed model of the engines as published by the manufacturer shall support an annual operation of 2,000 hours. The diesel engines shall at least meet IMO Tier II emission requirements.
12	Paragraph 7.4.1 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	Two (2) electrically started, fresh water-cooled electric engines integral with alternating current alternator of self-excited, brushless and ventilated type, shall be installed on the Vessel.
13	Paragraph 4.16.11 of Part VII of the Tender Documents	A moon pool with 1.1m x 0.85m opening shall be located nearby the COG of the vessel. A vertical unit equipped with a lifting appliance shall be fixed at the aft centre next to the toilet for lifting and lowering of vertical unit into and out of water. The vertical unit shall comprise of a coaxial pole which allow a Multibeam Echo Sounder (MBES) transducer installed at the bottom and 3 GNSS antennas & a lasers scanner installed at the top.

Annex D – Marking Scheme

(A) Technical Aspect	85	
Assessment Criteria	Maximum Marks out of 100 Total Marks	Guidelines to Tenderers for Attaining Marks in Technical Assessment
1. Functional Aspects		
(a) Contract Speed It is desirable that the Contract Speed (when both of the main engines driving the waterjet propulsion units through the reversing gearboxes running with the output power at 100% of Maximum Continuous Rating (MCR) under the Official Speed Trial Conditions as stated in Annex 5 to this Part (i.e. the minimum highest achievable speed of the Vessel) committed by the Tenderer in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information) of Part V for the proposed Vessel based on the propulsive power estimate as submitted therein shall be equal to or more than 21 knots. <i>(Paragraph 2.4.1 of the Technical Specifications)</i>	22	Marks will be given as follows:
		22 marks: - Contract Speed \geq 25 knots
		13 marks: - 23 knots \leq Contract Speed < 25 knots
		7 marks: - 21 knots \leq Contract Speed < 23 knots
(b) Principal Dimensions It is desirable that based on the Preliminary Construction Plans of the proposed Vessel as submitted by the Tenderer in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information) of Part V, the proposed Vessel has Length Overall (LOA) shall be within the range specified opposite (Fenders included) and with an extreme Draught smaller than or equal to 1 metre. <i>(Paragraph 2.5 of the Technical Specifications)</i>	5	Marks will be given as follows:
		5 marks: - 16.0 metres \leq LOA \leq 16.5 metres, and Extreme Draught \leq 1 metre

<p>(c) Integrated Management System</p> <p>It is desirable that based on the submission in Schedule 6 (List of Major Equipment to be Supplied) of Part V, the Tenderer will offer an Integrated Management System complying with paragraph 4.3 of the Technical Specifications.</p> <p><i>(Paragraph 4.3 of the Technical Specifications)</i></p>	6	<p>Marks will be given as follows:</p> <p>6 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has offered an Integrated Management System complying with the specifications set out in paragraph 4.3 of the Technical Specifications. .</p>
<p>2. Operational Aspects</p>		
<p>(a) Preliminary General Arrangement Plan</p> <p>It is desirable that the Preliminary General Arrangement Plan of the proposed Vessel submitted by the Tenderer in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information) of Part V improves the Conceptual General Arrangement Plan as shown in paragraph 2.1 of the Technical Specifications in the manner further specified in the third column:</p>	10	<p>Marks will be given according to the scale below:</p> <p>(i) 2 marks: - Arrangement of machineries and equipment to facilitate even better access for monitoring and servicing;</p> <p>(ii) 2 marks: - Fenders arrangement to give even better protection to the hull structure;</p> <p>(iii) 2 marks: - Even better effective arrangement of the spaces for storing and securing the equipment;</p> <p>(iv) 2 marks: - Even better protection arrangement for the crew onboard during daily operation;</p> <p>(v) 1 mark: - Even better access to passageway on the deck;</p> <p>(vi) 1 mark: - Even better effective arrangement of the search lights or flood lights, mooring and anchoring arrangement.</p>

<p>(b) Control Console Design</p> <p>It is desirable that the Preliminary Control Console Design of the proposed Vessel submitted by the Tenderer in Schedule 7 (List of Drawings and Information) of Part V fulfils the third column:</p>	5	<p>Marks will be given according to the scale below:</p> <p>(i) 2 marks: - There is one or more design feature(s) which facilitates the coxswain to receive survey information generated by the hydrographic survey equipment more easily;</p> <p>(ii) 1 mark: - There is one or more design feature(s) which facilitates the coxswain and other crew to control the offered Vessel more easily;</p> <p>(iii) 1 mark: - There is one or more design feature(s) which facilitates the navigator to monitor on all necessary data for the control of the proposed Vessel and safe navigation more effectively;</p> <p>(iv) 1 mark: - There is one or more design feature(s) which allows the coxswain to have a better visibility outside the wheelhouse with no blockage around.</p>
<p>3. Environmental Aspects</p>		
<p>Emission Level of Main Engines</p> <p>It is desirable that based on the type approval certificate issued by Recognized Organisations (RO) or other entities acceptable by Government New Construction Section (GNC) and submitted by the Tenderer in Schedule 7 of Part V, the emission level of offered main propulsion engines of the proposed Vessel complies with a standard higher than the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Tier II emission requirements.</p>	17	<p>Marks will be given for compliance with the following emission level of diesel engines:</p> <p>17 marks: - IMO Tier III emission requirements</p> <p>10 marks: - United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Tier III or China Classification Society (CCS) Stage 2 or equivalent standard of emission</p>

<p>(The offered engines may be the main engines complying with the Original Requirements or the model of the main engines exceeding the Original Requirements, whichever model achieves a higher score will be selected for evaluation).</p> <p><i>(Paragraph 7.2 of the Technical Specifications)</i></p>		
4. Innovative Suggestions		
<p>Tenderers are encouraged to include in Schedule 11 (Innovative Suggestions) of Part V Innovative Suggestions which are directly relevant to the procurement of the Vessel and will bring benefits in the third column:</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Marks will be given according to the scale below:</p>
		<p>(i) 10 marks: -</p> <p>Use of two hybrid power engines (each powered by both electricity and diesel) rather than just pure diesel engines as the main engines specified in paragraph 7.2.1 of the Technical Specifications;</p>
		<p>(ii) 4 marks: -</p> <p>Saving of manual manpower resources in the design and construction of the offered Vessel through the use of automation technology;</p>
		<p>(iii) 3 marks: -</p> <p>Committed longer service life of the offered Vessel than that specified in paragraph 1.2.2 of the Technical Specifications with supporting specifications published by the manufacturer of all major equipment offered in Schedule 6;</p>
		<p>(iv) 3 marks: -</p> <p>Use of the equipment and/or system mitigating the discharge of oily water, black water, grey water in protecting of the water at sea.</p>

(B) Experience and Certification	15	
Assessment Criteria	Maximum Marks out of 100 Total Marks	Guidelines to Tenderers for Attaining Marks in Technical Assessment
1. Tenderer's Experience in Design and Construction of Vessel(s) in one or more Basic Vessel Project or Catamaran Vessel Project or a Hydro Vessel Project (each a "Vessel Project")		
<p>(a) Relevant vessel design and construction contracts</p> <p>The Tenderer has experience in the completion of the design and construction of one or more mechanised vessel each with an LOA of not less than 10 meters in the past ten (10) years prior to the Original Tender Closing Date (each a "Basic Vessel Project").</p>	4	<p>Marks will be given to a tender as follows:</p> <p>4 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer possesses an aggregate of five (5) years' or more experience in performing and completing one or more Basic Vessel Projects, and has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p> <p>2 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer possesses an aggregate of three (3) years' experience in performing and completing one or more Basic Vessel Projects, and has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p> <p>1 mark: -</p> <p>The Tenderer possesses an aggregate of one (1) year's experience in performing and completing one or more Basic Vessel Projects, and has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p>

<p>(b) Catamaran Aluminium Vessel with a Waterjet Propulsion System</p> <p>The Tenderer has experience in the completion of design and construction of at least one vessel project in relation to a catamaran aluminium vessel and with a waterjet propulsion system and with a length overall between 14 meters and 20 meters and capable of achieving a minimum speed of at least 18 knots any time within the 10-year period preceding the Original Tender Closing Date (“Catamaran Vessel Project”).</p>	4	<p>Marks will be given to a tender as follows:</p> <p>4 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has completed one (1) Catamaran Vessel Project where the catamaran is capable of achieving a minimum speed of 25 knots. The Tenderer has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p> <p>2 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has completed one (1) Catamaran Vessel Project where the catamaran is capable of achieving a minimum speed of 18 knots. The Tenderer has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p>
<p>(c) Hydrographic Survey Vessel</p> <p>The Tenderer has experience in the completion of design and construction of at least one vessel project that relates to a vessel equipped with hydrographic survey capability was completed by the Tenderer any time within the 10-year period preceding the Original Tender Closing Date (“Hydro Vessel Project”).</p>	3	<p>Marks will be given to a tender as follows:</p> <p>3 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has completed one (1) Hydro Vessel Project where the hydro vessel is installed with both a moon pool and an A-Frame for hydrographic survey operation. The Tenderer has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p> <p>1 mark: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has completed one (1) Hydro Vessel Project in relation to a hydro vessel which is installed with a moon pool for hydrographic survey operation. The Tenderer has produced supporting documents to support its claim of experience.</p> <p>(“supporting documents” are those specified in Schedule 10 of Part V).</p>

2. Accreditations		
<p>The Tenderer has attained the following accreditation (collectively, “Accreditations”) as at the Original Tender Closing Date:</p> <p>International Organization for Standardization (ISO): ISO 9001 and ISO 14001; and</p> <p>Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (OHSAS): OHSAS 18001</p>	4	<p>Marks will be given as follows:</p> <p>4 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has attained all three Accreditations and has produced supporting documents of all such Accreditations which are valid as at the original Tender Closing Date.</p> <p>2 marks: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has attained any two of the three Accreditations and has produced supporting document of all such Accreditations which are valid as at the original Tender Closing Date.</p> <p>1 mark: -</p> <p>The Tenderer has attained just one of any of the three Accreditations and has produced supporting documents of the Accreditation which is valid as at the original Tender Closing Date.</p>
Total Marks	100	

- Note 1: The evaluation in accordance with the assessment criteria will be conducted on the basis of the plans and proposals submitted by the Tenderer as specified in such assessment criteria and supporting information and documents (including without limitation product specification published by the manufacturer or test reports or certificates). In the absence of such supporting documents, the relevant plan or proposal will not be taken into account in the evaluation.
- Note 2: For the purpose of facilitating the Government to evaluate Innovative Suggestions proposed for earning mark under assessment criterion (A)(4), unless the Government exercises its discretion to cancel the presentation and/or demonstration, all Tenderers whose tenders are being evaluated under this Marking Scheme may at the option of the Government be requested to attend and perform a presentation and/or demonstration to present and/or demonstrate the Innovative Suggestions (all or any of them). This presentation and/or demonstration are not mandatory in order for the Innovation Suggestions to be evaluated under this Marking Scheme. The Government may issue the invitation to all Tenderers' whose tenders are evaluated under this Marking Scheme, or may opt not to issue such invitation. Even if an invitation is issued, a Tenderer may elect to attend or not to attend. The performance of the presentation and/or demonstration will not be directly evaluated but to provide a means to facilitate the Government to evaluate the Innovative Suggestions in accordance with the stated assessment criteria. For Tenderers who have not agreed with the Government on the date and venue of such presentation and/or demonstration within 5 working days from the date of the Government's request will be deemed as electing not to attend.
- Note 3: The Tenderer's experience in completing the Vessel Project(s) must have been gained as a primary contractor. Experience gained in the capacity of as a joint venture party or a sub-contractor will **not** be considered. The experience of a parent, subsidiary, affiliated company, or joint venture parties of the Tenderer or any proposed sub-contractor of the Tenderer will not be counted and considered in the tender evaluation.
- Note 4: "completion", "completing" or "completed" in Assessment Criteria (B)1(a), (B)1(b) and (B)1(c) means the design and construction of the vessel(s) in the relevant Vessel Project had been completed and the vessel(s) had been delivered to and accepted by the purchaser with supporting documents as defined in Schedule 10. The completion date shall be treated as the date of acceptance of the completed vessel by the purchaser.
- Note 5: The experience which will be taken into account for evaluation under Assessment Criteria (B)1(a) is the number of complete years of experience up to the Original Tender Closing Date which can be aggregated and need not be consecutive. Any duration of the aggregate number of years of experience which is less than a year shall be disregarded. All experience is counted in days and all such experience in days shall be added up and then divided by 365 days to arrive at the number of complete years (i.e. each complete year with 365 days) with any remainder period of experience in days that falls short of one complete year of 365 days to be ignored. Different Vessel Projects overlapping on the same day will be counted as one day of experience only.