

## CLARIFICATION TO THE TENDER DOSSIER No: 1

Title: **Supply of the Multipurpose Research Vessel (MRV)**

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### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### **Question 1:**

Proposed change: "The candidate has provided supplies under at least 1 contract on building and delivery of the steel or aluminum construction vessel at least 14,5 meters long, which was implemented at any moment during the reference period." Explanation: In modern shipbuilding especially working and SAR boats is common that contracting authorities ask for vessels under 14,99 m LOA in order to fit small boat regulation under most of the EU flags and IACS classification societies. Length of the boat does not prove complexity of the boat, in opposite some of 13 m SAR vessels running 40kn have much higher demands for shipbuilder that 25 m working or transport boat. In that light we propose balanced change of criteria that will open possibility for more shipyards to participate in the same time gives enough security for contracting authority that Bidder is capable of providing the high quality product.

#### **Answer 1:**

In response to your request for clarification, please note that the Contracting Authority retains the criteria specified in the annex Additional information about the Contract Notice, point 16. Selection criteria, sub point 3 Technical capacity, which states: "The candidate has provided supplies under at least 1 contract on building and delivery of the steel or aluminium construction vessel at least 20 meters long, which was implemented at any moment during the reference period".

#### **Question 2:**

Proposed change: "The candidate has provided supplies under at least 1 contract on building and delivery of the steel or aluminum construction vessel at least 20 m LOA or at least 3 contracts on building and delivery of the steel or aluminum construction vessels between 12 and 14,99 m LOA, which was implemented at any moment during the reference period." Explanation: In modern shipbuilding especially working and SAR boats is common that contracting authorities ask for vessels under 14,99 m LOA in order to fit small boat regulation under most of the EU flags and IACS classification societies. Length of the boat does not prove complexity of the boat, in opposite some of 13 m SAR vessels running 40kn have much higher demands for shipbuilder that 25 m working or transport boat. In that light we propose balanced change of criteria that will open possibility to participate to more shipyards in the same time with minimum number of 3 deliveries gives enough security on Builders capability.

#### **Answer 2:**

In response to your request for clarification, please note that the Contracting Authority retains the criteria specified in the annex Additional information about the Contract Notice, point 16. Selection

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**Question 3:**

Explanation: to calculate the price of the vessel Bidder has to deeply analyse technical specification and related drawing, define internally building solutions and main equipment list. Equipment and material providers usually need 2-3 weeks to deliver the offers and in addition Bidder has to estimate number of working hours and logistic costs required for building the vessel of such type. All described require more time than available within original submission deadline.

**Answer 3:**

The response will be the subject of a corrigendum for extension of tender submission deadline until 15 October 2024, including additional details. A dedicated publication has been launched separately and it will be available at the relevant page on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal.

**Question 4:**

Can you please specify what are minimum economic, financial and technical capacity that are required in order to compete and get a tender? As there is no chapter: Information concerning the personal situation of the tenderer and information and formalities necessary for the evaluation of the minimum economic, financial and technical capacity required.

**Answer 4:**

In response to your request for clarification, please refer to the document “Additional information about Contract Notice”, published on the relevant page on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal.

**Question 5:**

We are interested and qualified to work on this project. However, we have noted that the budget for this tender has not been disclosed. Could you kindly provide information regarding the allocated budget for this project? If there are reasons why the budget cannot be disclosed, we would appreciate it if you could offer a description or assurance that sufficient funds have been allocated to ensure the successful completion of the project.

**Answer 5:**

In response to your request for clarification, please note that in accordance with PRAG rules, under which this tender was issued it is not permitted to disclose the estimated value of the procurement. We confirm that sufficient funds have been allocated, bearing in mind that this contract is financed through the Financial Agreement for the IPA 2021 Program between the European Commission and the Government of Montenegro.