



Government of Bermuda

Ministry of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport

Department of Marine and Ports

Addenda

For

Provision of Harbour Tug Charter Services

Request for Proposals No.: **MAP-TCH-001**

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Addenda No, **1**

Addenda Type: Questions and Responses

The following addendum supersedes information contained in the solicitation document issued for this procurement to the extent referenced. This Addendum forms part of the solicitation documents and will be subject to all of the conditions set out in the contract conditions.

Questions and Responses to Questions

Question 1:	2026 Charter Window: Could you please provide the current indicative commencement window for the anticipated 2026 charter period, particularly considering the anticipated contract execution date?
Answer 1:	The Government is presently targeting the departure of the Government-owned tug for dry docking during the first week of November 2026, subject to completion of the dry-docking procurement, confirmation of the selected shipyard, weather, operational requirements and final vessel readiness. As stated in the Scope of Work, each operational charter period is anticipated to be approximately fourteen (14) calendar days. Actual commencement dates and durations will depend upon the confirmed dry-docking programme and operational requirements. The successful Proponent will be provided with as much advance notice as reasonably practicable, and the required mobilization and service commencement dates will subsequently be confirmed by the Government

Question 2:	Daily Charter Hire: Please confirm that, once a charter call-off is activated, the agreed base charter rate will be payable for each calendar day throughout the agreed charter period, irrespective of the number of towage assignments performed on a particular day, provided the tug remains fully operational, available and on hire.
Answer 2:	Confirmed. The Pricing Schedule establishes the base charter rate on a per calendar day basis for the agreed operational charter period, anticipated to be approximately fourteen (14) calendar days. Once the agreed charter period has commenced, the applicable daily base charter rate will apply for each calendar day that the chartered tug remains fully operational, available and on hire in accordance with the resulting Agreement, irrespective of the number of towage assignments performed on that particular day.

	The Government does not guarantee a minimum or maximum number of towage assignments during the charter period. The chartered tug is required to remain available to support scheduled towage operations and additional operational requirements throughout the agreed charter period.
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Question 3:	Government-appointed Bermuda Master: The Scope refers to the provision of a Bermuda Master by the Government. Could you please clarify whether the Bermuda Master is intended to act as the vessel's Master during harbour towage operations or as an additional local/pilotage resource alongside the tug owner's statutory Master and safe-manning crew?
Answer 3:	The Government-appointed Bermuda Master is intended to support the conduct of harbour towage operations in Bermuda and is not intended to replace the Proponent's statutory Master or required safe-manning crew. The Proponent remains responsible for providing the appropriate crew complement for its vessel in accordance with the vessel's operational needs and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. The Proponent is also responsible for ensuring that the vessel remains appropriately crewed and that all required qualifications and certifications remain valid throughout the charter period. The Government-appointed Bermuda Master will work with the vessel's Master and crew in relation to local harbour towage operations. The Proponent remains responsible for the safe operation, navigation, engineering, maintenance and statutory compliance of the chartered vessel, subject to the final agreed operating arrangements.

Question 4:	Foreign Proponents / Bermuda Registration: For proponents incorporated outside Bermuda, could you please confirm which Bermuda-specific registrations or numbers are required at proposal stage, and which may instead be completed prior to award or commencement of services?
Answer 4:	Foreign Proponents are permitted to submit Proposals. At Proposal stage, an incorporated Proponent is required to provide its applicable Certificate of Incorporation and Certificate of Incumbency and complete the Proponent information requested in the Submission Form. The Submission Form includes fields for a Bermuda Social Insurance Number, Payroll Tax Number and Bermuda Registrar of Companies Registration Number.

	Where a Bermuda-specific registration or number is not applicable to or not presently held by a foreign Proponent at Proposal stage, the Proponent should state “N/A – Foreign Proponent” in the applicable field rather than leaving the field blank. The successful Proponent will be responsible for identifying and obtaining any permits, licences, approvals, immigration permissions, vessel clearances or other authorizations required for the vessel and crew to mobilize to, enter, remain in and operate within Bermuda. Any Government assistance or approvals anticipated by the Proponent should be identified in its Proposal.
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Question 5:	Insurance Requirements: Could you please confirm whether specific minimum monetary limits apply to the required liability, P&I, Employer’s Liability / Workers’ Compensation or other insurance policies, and whether the Government of Bermuda is required to be named as Additional Insured on all applicable policies?
Answer 5:	The RFP requires the successful Proponent, as a Pre-Condition of Award, to provide evidence of current Commercial General Liability Insurance, Protection & Indemnity (P&I) Insurance, Hull & Machinery Insurance, and Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance where applicable. The issued RFP does not specify minimum monetary coverage limits or expressly require the Government of Bermuda to be named as Additional Insured on all applicable policies. Accordingly, Proponents should provide details of their existing insurance coverage as requested. Any specific insurance limits, endorsements or Additional Insured requirements applicable to the resulting charter arrangement will be addressed during the contractual review and negotiation process and incorporated into the final Agreement where required.

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