

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2308/04

CHARTER PARTY FOR THE SERVICE OF THE INTER-ISLAND SEA-BRIDGE

The National Infrastructure Development Company Limited (NIDCO), on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT), requires a Cargo Vessel to be engaged on a Time Charter for a period of two (2) years from 13th January 2024 to 12th January 2026 with an option to renew for an additional year. **The Vessel is expected to go into service by January 2024. Delivery of the vessel must facilitate this service date.**

SPECIFICATIONS

Length Overall:	186.5m (maximum)
Beam:	26.4m (maximum)
Draught:	5.5m (maximum)
Dead Weight Tonnage:	5000 tonnes
Cargo Capacity:	1800-2000 lane metres
Service Speed:	18-20 knots (17 would be considered)
Cargo Deck Design Loads:	(UDL – 2.5 t/m ² Axle Load – 19 tonnes)
Age:	X ≤ 15 years preferably
Ramp Width:	Stern Ramp only 22m designed for 19t per axle
Berthing Requirement:	Vessel must satisfy current quay side berthing arrangements (high tide/ low tide)
Above Deck Clearance:	5m (minimum)
Accommodation:	150-250 persons with a mix of cabins and seats
Certificates:	Cargo Vessel to comply with relevant regulations under Trinidad and Tobago Shipping Act, relevant IMO Conventions, SOLAS, STCW evidenced by Certificate of Registration, International Tonnage Certificate (1969), Safe Manning Certificate, Load Line Certificate, IOPP Certificate, Certificate of Classification, Record/ Documents of Compliance with SOLAS Amendments, Safety Management Certificate
Class:	Must be a member of IACS (such as Lloyd's Register, Det Norske Veritas Germanischer Lloyd, American Bureau of Shipping, Bureau of Veritas)

ELIGIBILITY

Submission of tenders is open to all Respondents who can demonstrate that they have the requisite technical experience along with a proven track record of providing similar facilities as outlined in the Request for Proposal. Evaluation of tenders will be based on requirements including; but not limited to: **Delivery Timeframe, Vessel Details and Specifications, Operational Details.**

Following the proclamation of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act (2015), Contractors who are desirous of providing goods, works or services to NIDCO, are advised that they must first, be registered with the Office of the Procurement Regulation (OPR) in this specific category. Any party seeking to participate in procurement proceedings must input information and upload relevant associated documentation into the Procurement Depository, in accordance with Section 29(1) of the Act. Section 26(3) of the Act, places full responsibility on the contractor to ensure the accuracy of the information provided. The Depository can be accessed at: <https://opr.tt.org/procurement-depository/>.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The RFP will be available from **Thursday 24th August, 2023** via NIDCO's E-Tender Portal at: <https://nidco.etenderworld.tt/>

SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS

To ensure successful submission, all files must be formatted using Adobe PDF. Submissions must be clearly labelled **"RFP 2308/04 Charter Party for the Service of the Inter-Island Sea Bridge."** File names must not contain special characters such as "#,\$,%,^, &, *".

Tender submissions must be uploaded and submitted electronically via NIDCO's E-Tender Portal (**only**) at: <https://nidco.etenderworld.tt/> **no later than 1:00 pm on Tuesday 3rd October, 2023. Proposals MUST NOT be emailed to NIDCO. Emailed submission will result in disqualification.**

Instructions on how to submit your package are outlined in the Bidder RFX User Guide which can be found on the e-Tender portal.

LIMITATIONS/RESERVATIONS

- NIDCO will not be responsible for any costs incurred by any prospective Respondent in preparing their proposal/s and reserves the right to cancel the present notice in its entirety or even partially, without defraying any cost incurred by any respondent submitting a proposal.
- NIDCO reserves the right to reject proposals not submitted as per the requirements of the RFP. Respondents are fully responsible for the submission of their Proposals and must satisfy themselves as to the nature of the project.
- NIDCO does not bind itself to accept any Proposal.
- NIDCO reserves the right to negotiate with and/or make a counter offer to all compliant Respondents.

Late submissions will NOT be considered under any circumstances.

CLARIFICATION OF THE TENDER (no later than Wednesday 27th September, 2023).

Enquiries, clarification, and further information regarding this tender should be submitted via E-Tender's Questions Portal and cc: secretarytenders@nidco.co.tt. Please note when posting queries, kindly ensure no personal or company information is stated and no special characters or tables are used.