

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2405/01

ROPAX SHIP MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE INTER-ISLE VESSELS: H.S.C. A.P.T. JAMES, H.S.C. BUCCOO REEF, H.S.C GALLEONS PASSAGE

The NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (NIDCO), the Owner, is desirous of procuring Ropax Ship Management Services for the following Inter-Isle Vessels:

- i. H.S.C. APT James (Vessel 1)
- ii. H.S.C. Buccoo Reef (Vessel 2)
- iii. H.S.C. Galleons Passage (Vessel 3)

Ropax Ship Management for Vessels 1 and 2

- Vessels 1 and 2 will be operated between Trinidad (Port of Port-of-Spain) and Tobago (Port of Scarborough) on a daily basis with a minimum of one round trip. The vessels have passenger and vehicle capacity as follows:
 - Vessel 1 – Nine hundred and twenty-six (926) passengers (inclusive of crew) and a vehicular capacity of two hundred and fifty (250) cars
 - Vessel 2 – Nine hundred and ninety-five (995) passengers (inclusive of crew) and a vehicular capacity of two hundred and thirty-nine (239) cars
- Vessel 3 has flexible days of operation between Trinidad (Port of Port-of-Spain) and Tobago (Port of Scarborough) and may be called upon to visit intra-regional ports. The Vessel has a passenger and vehicle capacity as follows:
 - Four hundred (400) passengers (inclusive of crew) and a vehicular capacity of sixty (60) cars

Ship Management Services are required for each vessel for a period of two (2) years with the option to renew for an additional one (1) year. Ship Management Services are expected to commence on 8th August 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

The above Request for Proposals (RFPs) are open to all respondents who can demonstrate that they have the experience, technical and financial expertise to provide the required services. Evaluation of proposals will be based on requirements including; but not limited to: **Financial Capacity and Litigation, Experience, Organisational Management and Systems, Methodology and Price.**

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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

The RFP will be available from **Wednesday 1st May 2024** via NIDCO's E-Tender Portal at <https://nidco.etenderworld.tt/>

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

To ensure successful submissions, all files must be formatted using Adobe PDF. Submissions must be clearly labelled "RFP 2405-01 Ropax Ship Management Services for the Inter-Isle Vessel: H.S.C. A.P.T James, H.S.C. Buccoo Reef, H.S.C. Galleons Passage." 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 Monday 1st July 2024.** Proposals **MUST NOT** be emailed to NIDCO. Emailed submissions 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 cost incurred by any prospective respondent in preparing their proposal 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 received unsigned, in unsealed envelopes or with alterations or erasures not initialed by respondent/s.
- 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 **Monday 24th June 2024.**

Enquiries, clarification, and further information regarding this tender can be obtained from:

Named Procurement Officer, NIDCO, The Atrium, 6B Don Miguel Road Extension, El Socorro Extension, El Socorro 280603, Trinidad and Tobago, W.I.
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