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Tender

Port of Aberdeen - Procurement of Pilot Boat(s)

Port of Aberdeen

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Aberdeen

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.portofaberdeen.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13823

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.6) Main activity

Port-related activities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Port of Aberdeen - Procurement of Pilot Boat(s)

Reference number

2025-031125-ITT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34500000 - Ships and boats

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Aberdeen Harbour Board, operating as Port of Aberdeen, is the Statutory Harbour Authority and Competent Harbour Authority.

Safe, modern and efficient pilot vessels are considered of key importance for ongoing successful operations at Port of Aberdeen. Port of Aberdeen has a requirement for up to two new pilot boats, to provide a safe and reliable pilotage service across the port harbour areas.

The vessels will be required to carry out pilotage duties, hydrographic survey work, push pull work as required, and corporate trips as required.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Port of Aberdeen

Aberdeen

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The vessels will operate in all seasons and weather conditions so must have exceptional stability, strength and seakeeping abilities with operating parameters that maximise safe and comfortable operations.

Port of Aberdeen has ambitious Net Zero targets for 2040, and this procurement process is intended to support the introduction of less carbon intensive assets which will help reduce current and future Scope 1 emissions. Operational and technological enhancements including fuel-saving technology, safety and crew welfare are of key importance.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,800,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

2 March 2026

End date

27 August 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Bidders are required to be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade registers of the Country in which they are established ie. Register of Companies in UK.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Please refer to Invitation to tender document which outlines requirements for financial guarantee, financing conditions.

All works will be carried out under Scots Law.

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

Port of Aberdeen requires a financial guarantee from the shipyard to the value of the contract to be in place from the day of award of contract to completion of the contract.

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Port of Aberdeen requires Bidder to confirm Interim/Installments and stage payments to be as detailed in the invitation to tender documentation.

III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

In the event a consortium is awarded the contract Port of Aberdeen requires consortium to form a legal entity before entering into the contract, which shall be governed by Scots Law.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please refer to Invitation to Tender

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

15 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

15 December 2025

Local time

1:00pm

Place

Port of Aberdeen

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Marlene Mitchell, Commercial Manager

Hazel Matthew, Contracts, Legal and Procurement Manager

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=814629.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sherriff Court

53 Castle Street

Aberdeen

AB11 5BB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Scottish branch)

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom