

Requests for clarifications – Answers

EOI23-5692 – FAME VESSEL – Build a fisheries research vessel for the Pacific Community

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Documents Transfer

- Question: Due to max size for sending attachments by email, may we submit all attachments through a link to our Cloud server? Is transferring of documents permitted by OneDrive, WeSend, etc?
- Answer: You can transfer your documents through a link to your Cloud server if you wish, via OneDrive, or via a document transfer platform (such as DropBox, WeTransfer, ...).

Due Diligence –National Regulation Authority

- Question: From Annex 3 Information about the bidder and due diligence question 6: Is your entity regulated by a national authority? Could you please clarify us this question, please?
- Answer: By national regulation authority, we mean the authority responsible for regulating your area of activity in your country of business.

Due Diligence – Annual Reports

- Question: In question 8 of the due diligence document, you are asking to provide audited reports for the last 3 years, however at the end of this Annex you request us to provide those reports for the last 5 years. Could you please clarify?
- Answer: Traditionally, we request the last 3 years' reports, but we wanted to give the opportunity to Shipyards that would have seen their results impacted by the COVID context to bid. So please submit the last 5 years' reports if possible.

Design Type

- Question: In Annex 3.2 you are looking for 'Design type (if any)'. Could you please be a bit more precise, how shall we understand this?
- Answer: Please indicate if the design of the vessel has been based on a standardized type of vessel (for example Rolls Royce UT or similar).

Preferred Flag and Class Society

- Question: Could you please inform about preferred Flag and Class Society?
- Answer: Marshall Island flag and Bureau Veritas (the CS is specify in page4 of Annex 3.1).

Vessel Equivalent Complexity

- Question: According to the EOI, details on “5-year references of building of 30 to 60 m long vessels (20%) of equivalent complexity, approved by an IACS classification society” should be provided by the bidders. It is our understanding that “equivalent complexity” refers exclusively to hydrographic research vessels and oceanographic research vessels, as no other type of ship represent an equivalent blend of complex technical requirements: crew and non-marine staff (scientist) onboard, integration of scientific and hydroacoustic equipment, mitigating engineering actions for underwater noise radiation...very different to pure fishing or offshore ships.
- Answer: This is correct, the vessel complexity refers to the oceanographic/fishing science research vessel type.

Innovation Capacity Assessment

- Question: Please clarify what “Innovation capacity assessment” means to SPC. Does it refer to innovative technical solutions implemented onboard the reference ships?
- Answer: Yes.