

Clarifications

MI-CFT26-027 Charter Vessels for both angling and receiver maintenance for the MOSAIC project under a multi-supplier framework agreement

Clarification Deadline: 03/08/2026 @ 10:00AM

No.	Date	Questions	Date	Answers
1	18.07.2026	The contract notices states that tenderers must submit for all four lots, while Appendix 1 of the RFT permits tenderers to select one or more lots. Please confirm that a tenderer may submit for Lot 1 only or Lots 1 and 2 only.	20.07.2026	Tenderers may submit a tender for one, multiple, or all lots. Tenderers should clearly indicate in their tender submission the lot or lots for which they are applying. Please see on Lot Selection Table Page 19
2	18.07.2026	Please confirm the framework commencement and expiry dates, as the documents refer variously to four years, September 2029 and December 2029.	20.07.2026	Please see amend CFT – September 2029
3	18.07.2026	The award criteria refer tenderers to Annex 1, but Annex 1 does not appear to be included in the tender documents. Please provide or identify the relevant Annex.	20.07.2026	Reworded to Appendix 1
4	18.07.2026	Please confirm the formula used to award the 40 cost marks and how the full-day and half-day rates will be combined.	20.07.2026	The cost criterion carries a maximum score of 40 marks. For evaluation purposes, the submitted Full-Day Rate and Half-Day Rate will be combined to calculate an Evaluated Price using the stated weighting/estimated quantities. The tenderer with the lowest Evaluated Price will receive 40 marks. All other compliant tenders will receive a proportionate score calculated as: Cost Score = (Lowest Evaluated Price ÷ Tenderer's Evaluated Price) × 40

				Please see Page 15 and Appendix 2 Pricing Schedule table Page 20 on Amended CFT
5	18.07.2026	Please confirm the required treatment of weather cancellations, standby, aborted trips, mobilisation, harbour charges, additional hours and significant fuel-price changes.	24.07.2026	Our standard approach is as follows: • Weather cancellations: The skipper is responsible for determining whether weather and sea conditions are safe and suitable for the planned operation. If the skipper considers conditions to be acceptable, the agreed charter date will be honoured, and the vessel will proceed as scheduled. • Standby and aborted trips: Standby arrangements will not be required under this agreement. The skipper is responsible for determining whether weather and sea conditions are safe and suitable for the charter to proceed. Where the skipper determines that conditions are acceptable, the charter will proceed as scheduled. If a trip is aborted after mobilisation for reasons outside the skipper's control, the applicable full-day or half-day charter rate, as appropriate, will apply for the aborted trip. • Mobilisation: Mobilisation and demobilisation requirements will be agreed in advance and charged where applicable. • Harbour charges: N/A should be included in rates outlined. • Additional hours: Rates are as per daily rate and half rate • Significant fuel-price changes: Quoted rates are based on the pricing applicable at the time of submission. Any adjustments to rates during the term of the framework will be made in accordance

				with the applicable Consumer Price Index (CPI) provisions set out in the framework agreement. Given the current market fluctuations this clause will be inserted in the Final Contract under Section 5H
6	18.07.2026	Please confirm whether the vessel must be certified to carry five scientific personnel in addition to the skipper and operating crew.	24.07.2026	Yes, it is five personnel, please see response to no 7 also
7	18.07.2026	Please confirm the exact vessel certification, coding or survey documentation required.	24.07.2026	Confirmation that all personnel allocated to deliver service shall have a valid safety certificate for vessels and carry all safety equipment. The skipper has relevant Certificate of Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques on board ship and Sea Farers Medical Certificate (ENG 11). Certified non-EU alternatives will be accepted." Boats carrying up to 12 passengers must have a passenger boat license valid for 2 years. The marine safety office carries out technical and safety inspections to license the vessel. The crew/skipper needs to hold the appropriate STCW or Commercial Endorsement qualification.
8	18.07.2026	Please confirm whether the Appendix 4 declaration requires witnessing by a solicitor, peace commissioner, commissioner for oaths or another authorised person.	20.07.2026	The Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of the Tenderer (Appendix 4) does not require witnessing by a solicitor, Peace Commissioner, Commissioner for Oaths or any other authorised person unless expressly stated in the declaration itself. Tenderers should complete and sign the declaration in accordance with the instructions contained in the tender documentation. Where witnessing or notarisatation is specifically required by the form, this should be complied with. Otherwise, no independent witness is required.

9	18.07.2026	Please confirm whether the “Complete Tender” response should be uploaded as one combined PDF or whether separate supporting files may be uploaded.	20.07.2026	Tenderers may upload either a single combined PDF containing the complete tender response or separate supporting files, provided that all required documents are submitted by the tender submission deadline. Tenderers are encouraged to clearly label and organise all uploaded documents to facilitate the evaluation process.
10	18.07.2026	Please confirm that Appendix 2 is the Pricing Schedule and Appendix 5 is the Framework Agreement, notwithstanding the inconsistent cross-references in the RFT.	20.07.2026	The Contracting Authority confirms that Appendix 2 is the Pricing Schedule and Appendix 5 is the Framework Agreement. Tenderers should prepare and submit their tenders on this basis. The inconsistent cross-references in the Request for Tender are acknowledged, amended and should be disregarded. Please see amended CFT
11	18.07.2026	Please confirm how charter dates will be requested and booked under the framework, including the normal minimum notice period, whether work is expected to be booked as individual days or consecutive blocks, and the anticipated number or range of charter days per year for each lot.	24.07.2026	Charter requests and bookings will be managed in accordance with the framework documentation. Vessel owners should advise their preferred method of contact and booking (e.g. email or telephone) to facilitate efficient scheduling. Please complete table Page 19 CFT It is not possible to specify a normal minimum notice period, whether work will be booked as individual days or consecutive blocks, or the anticipated number of charter days per year for each lot. These will vary depending on operational requirements, weather conditions, project priorities, and other factors influencing service demand.
12	18.07.2026	Please also confirm the arrangements where an agreed charter cannot proceed due to weather, including cancellation notice, payment for mobilisation or standby, and how replacement dates will be allocated.	24.07.2026	Please see question no 5 responses
13	25.07.2026	The response to Question 12 refers to Question 5, but it does not clearly confirm whether the original booked	27.07.26	Please see corresponding answers to questions below:

	charter day will still be honoured by allocating a replacement date. Could you please confirm that, once a charter date has been agreed and booked: If the charter cannot proceed because of unsuitable weather or sea conditions or is cancelled for any other reason outside the vessel owner's control, the booked charter day will not simply be lost. a) The charter will instead be rescheduled to a mutually agreed replacement date. b) The replacement charter will remain part of the original confirmed booking and will not require a new charter request or have to compete again for allocation under the framework. c) Any agreed mobilisation or demobilisation costs already incurred before cancellation will be payable. d) Where the Contracting Authority cancels a confirmed charter date and a replacement date cannot be agreed, please confirm whether the applicable charter rate or another cancellation payment will be payable.		a) Where possible dates will be rescheduled, however this will be discussed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the reasons for cancellation. b) Yes c) No d) If a reschedule data cannot be agreed upon, no costs will be incurred due to cancellation due to weather. Bookings will not be made with charter vessels unless scientific staff are confident that these dates can be honoured. Only weather conditions will dictate a late cancellation.
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