

**Request for Tenders dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**  
**for the provision of**  
**an Official Passenger and Cargo Ferry Transportation Service from Portmagee, Co.**  
**Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry**

**Tender procedure: Open procedure**

**Tender Deadline 03/11/2026 12:00**

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## Part 1: Introduction

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- 1.1 The Office of Public Works (the “Contracting Authority”) invites tenders (“Tenders”) to this request for tenders (“RFT”) from economic operators (“Tenderers”) for the provision of the services as described in Appendix 1 to this RFT (the “Services”).
- 1.2 In summary, the Services comprise: A ferry service for OPW Passengers and Cargo from Portmagee, Co. Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl is required from mid April to late September each year, in order to transport guide staff, operational staff, contractors and other department officials, as well as cargo to and from the site.
- Passenger numbers on any one trip will not exceed 12 and may include OPW staff, guides, contractors, and external consultants as required. Cargo, typically on 1 tonne pallets will generally comprise staff provisions (food, drinking water, bedding, clothing, cleaning and sanitary items) construction materials (timber, steel, machinery, tools, plant and fuel for the equipment).
- 1.3 Not used.
- 1.4 This public procurement competition (the “Competition”) will be conducted in accordance with the open procedure under the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) (the “Regulations”). Any contract that may result from this Competition (the “Services Contract”) will be issued for a term of three seasons, comprising one season per year (The Term”). **Subject to weather and operational reasons, the proposed core dates are typically 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September each season with a possibility of a small number of trips in October if required and agreed in advance.** (“the Term”)
- 1.5 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to extend the Term for up to two additional periods of one season each, on the same terms and conditions, subject to the Contracting Authority’s obligations at law.
- 1.6 The Contracting Authority estimates that the expenditure on the Services to be covered by the proposed Services Contract may amount to some €450,000 (excl.

VAT) over the Term and any possible extensions. Tenderers must understand that this figure is an estimate only based on current and future expected usage.

- 1.7 Contracting Authority policy seeks to encourage participation on a fair and equal basis by Small and Medium Enterprises (“SME”s) in this Competition. SMEs that believe the scope of this Competition is beyond their technical or business capacity are encouraged, subject to paragraph 2.5, to explore the possibilities of forming relationships with other SMEs or with larger enterprises. Through such relationships they can participate and contribute to the successful implementation of any Services Contract that may result from this Competition and therefore increase their social and economic benefits.

Larger enterprises are also encouraged, subject to paragraph 2.5, to consider the practical ways that SMEs can be included in their proposals to maximise the social and economic benefits of any Services Contracts that may result from this Competition.

### 2.1 IMPORTANT NOTICES

**2.1.1** While every effort has been made to provide comprehensive and accurate information in all notices and documents prepared for the purposes of this Competition, the Contracting Authority does not accept any liability or provide any express or implied warranty in respect of any such information. Tenderers must form their own conclusions about the solution needed to meet the requirements set out in this RFT and may wish to consult their legal advisers.

**2.1.2** The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Tender.

This RFT does not constitute an offer or commitment to enter into a Services Contract.

No contractual rights in relation to the Contracting Authority will exist unless and until a formal written Services Contract has been executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the Tenderer.

The Contracting Authority may cancel this Competition at any time prior to a formal written Services Contract being executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

The award of a Services Contract does not confer exclusivity on the successful Tenderer.

**2.1.3** This RFT supersedes and replaces any and all previous documentation, communications and correspondence between the Contracting Authority and Tenderers, and Tenderers should place no reliance on such previous documentation and correspondence.

**2.1.4** In this clause 2.1.4, “Data Protection Laws” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the “General Data Protection Regulation”), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time.

The Contracting Authority will be a Data Controller (where Data Controller has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) in respect of any Personal Data (where Personal Data has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) required to be provided by the Tenderer in response to this RFT.

The Tenderer, as Data Controller in respect of any Personal Data provided by it in its Tender, is required to confirm in the statement required under paragraph 2.4 below that all Data Subjects (where Data Subject has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) whose Personal Data is provided by the Tenderer have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the Tenderer, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the Tenderer in this Competition or that the Tenderer otherwise has a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of its participation in this Competition.

**2.1.5** The Contracting Authority would refer Tenderers in particular to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031 on the access of third country economic operators, goods and services to the Union’s public procurement and concession markets and procedures supporting negotiations on access of Union economic operators, goods and services to the public procurement and concession markets of third countries (International Procurement Instrument – IPI), and to their obligation to comply therewith.

In particular, tenderers and candidates should note in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031, the obligations for a Contracting Authority in the context of a procurement procedure where the EU Commission has adopted an IPI measure.

2.1.6 Tenderers are referred to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Foreign Subsidies distorting the Internal Market, in addition to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441, and their obligation to comply therewith. In particular, tenderers and candidates should note the requirements in Articles 28 and 29 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 relating to the prior notification or declaration of foreign financial contributions, where the estimated value of the public procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the applicable financial thresholds set out therein. In that regard, Tenderers and Candidates are referred to Appendix 3A of the RFT.

## 2.2 COMPLIANT TENDERS

2.2.1 If a Tenderer fails to comply in any respect with the requirements of this paragraph 2.2.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to reject the Tenderer's Tender as non-compliant or, without prejudice to this right and subject to its obligations at law, to take any other action it considers appropriate including but not limited to:

- seeking written clarification from the Tenderer;
- seeking further information from the Tenderer; or
- waiving a requirement, which in the Contracting Authority's view, is non-material or procedural.

Tenderers are required:

- (a) To complete and submit with their Tender the electronic version of the European Single Procurement Document ("[eESPD](#)"). Tenderers may submit an eESPD which has already been used in a previous procurement procedure PROVIDED THAT they confirm that: (i) the information contained in it continues to be correct and (ii) that they satisfy the Selection Criteria for this Competition as set out at part 3.2 below;
- (b). To submit all documentation which this RFT requires to be submitted with their Tender;

- (c) To follow the format of this RFT and respond to each element in the order as set out in this RFT;
- (d) To conform to and comply with all instructions and requirements set out in this RFT;
- (e) To submit the statement required under paragraph 2.4 below; and
- (f) Not to alter or edit this RFT in any way.

2.2.2 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraphs 2.2.1, failure to comply with paragraph 2.6.1, 2.6.2 or 2.6.3 below will render the Tender non-compliant and it will be rejected.

## **2.3 SERVICES CONTRACT**

2.3.1 Tenderers should note the terms and conditions of the Services Contract at Appendix 5 to this RFT.

2.3.2 Tenderers are required to confirm their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Services Contract by signing the Tenderer's Statement at Appendix 3. Tenderers may not amend the Services Contract.

## **2.4 ACCEPTANCE OF RFT REQUIREMENTS**

Each Tenderer is required to accept the provisions of this RFT. ALL TENDERERS MUST RETURN, with their Tender, a scanned signed copy of the Tenderer's Statement, as set out in Appendix 3, printed on the Tenderer's letterhead. The Contracting Authority must be able to read the scanned signature of the Tenderer. If possible, please sign documents using blue ink. If the Contracting Authority cannot read the scanned signature, Tenderers may be requested to re-submit. Tenderers may not amend the Tenderer's Statement.

## **2.5 CONSORTIA AND PRIME / SUBCONTRACTORS**

Where a group of undertakings (in whatever form and regardless of the legal relationship between them) come together to submit a Tender in response to this RFT, the Contracting Authority will deal with all matters relating to this Competition through a single nominated entity authorised to represent all members of the group of undertakings. The Tenderer must

provide details of all members of the group of undertakings and their role in the Tender and clearly set out the contact details including name, title, telephone number, postal address, facsimile number and e-mail address of the nominated entity authorised to represent the Tenderer and to whom all communications shall be directed and accepted until this Competition has been completed or terminated. Correspondence from any other person will NOT be accepted, acknowledged or responded to.

Prior to and as a condition of award of any Services Contract, the successful Tenderer shall agree with the Contracting Authority a single entity who will carry overall responsibility for the Services Contract (the “Prime Contractor”), irrespective of whether or not tasks are to be performed by a subcontractor or other consortium member (the “Subcontractor”).

## **2.6 TENDER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**2.6.1** Tenders must be submitted via the ‘electronic tenderbox’ available on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie). Only Tenders submitted to the electronic tenderbox will be accepted. Tenders submitted by any other means (including but not limited to: by email, fax, post, hand delivery, etc.) will NOT be accepted.

All documents should be submitted using a font type Arial, size 12.

Tenderers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required tender documentation in their Tender before the Tender Deadline (as defined in paragraph 2.6.2). Tenderers should take into account the fact that upload speeds vary.

Tenderers must note that in the electronic tenderbox, there is a current file size limit of 250MB for each single file uploaded, with a maximum total limit of 2GB for all documentation (combined) in the Tender submitted.

In order to submit a Tender to the electronic tenderbox, Tenderers must ensure that they follow the necessary steps on the eTenders platform to ensure that their tender has been submitted properly, which includes ensuring that the “Submit” button has been clicked. In the event that Tenderers need to modify or change any aspect of their Tender before the Tender Deadline, the Tender in its entirety will

need to be re-submitted. Tenderers should be aware that the “Submit” button will be disabled automatically at the Tender Deadline.

- 2.6.2 Tenders must be received not later than 12.00 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 (the “Tender Deadline”). Tenders that are received late WILL NOT be considered in this Competition.
- 2.6.3 Tenders must be submitted in English.
- 2.6.4 Subject to paragraph 2.14 and 2.18, each Tenderer is limited to submitting one Tender in its own capacity and one Tender as part of a consortium/group of undertakings under this RFT.
- 2.6.5 All Tenders submitted in soft copy must be compiled such that they can be read immediately using Microsoft Word, Excel or PDF. URL’s will not be accepted unless expressly requested. Any unrequested links will be disregarded in the evaluation process. The Contracting Authority is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Tenderers must ensure electronic documents are not corrupt.

## 2.7 QUERIES AND CLARIFICATIONS

- 2.7.1 All queries relating to any aspect of this Competition or of this RFT must be directed to the messaging facility on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie). Queries will be accepted no later than 12.00pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 unless otherwise published by the Contracting Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, Tenderers may not contact the Contracting Authority directly regarding any aspect of this Competition. Communication via email or telephone in relation to this competition cannot be facilitated.
- 2.7.2 All responses to queries will be issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie). Where appropriate, queries may be amalgamated. Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority will not respond to individual Tenderers privately.
- 2.7.3 The Contracting Authority reserves the right to issue or seek written clarifications.

2.7.4 The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time before the Tender Deadline, to update or amend the information contained in this document and/or to extend the Tender Deadline. Participating Tenderers will be informed of any such amendment or extension through the eTenders website.

2.7.5 Tenderers should ensure that they register their interest in this Competition, by clicking on the “Accept” button on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie), in order to receive all responses to queries and other updates in relation to this Competition.

## 2.8 TENDERING COSTS

2.8.1 All costs and expenses incurred by Tenderers relating to their participation in this Competition including, but not being limited to, site visits, field trials, demonstrations and/or presentations shall be borne by and are a matter for discharge by the Tenderers exclusively.

## 2.9 CONFIDENTIALITY

2.9.1 All documentation, data, statistics, drawings, information, patterns, samples or material disclosed or furnished by the Contracting Authority to Tenderers during the course of this Competition:

- (a) are furnished for the sole purpose of replying to this RFT only;
- (b) may not be used, communicated, reproduced or published for any other purpose without the prior written permission of the Contracting Authority;
- (c) shall be treated as confidential by the Tenderer and by any third parties (including subcontractors) engaged or consulted by the Tenderer; and
- (d) must be returned immediately to the Contracting Authority upon cancellation or completion of this Competition if so requested by the Contracting Authority.

## 2.10 PRICING

2.10.1 All Tenderers must complete the Pricing Schedule at Appendix 2 to this RFT.

- 2.10.2** All prices quoted must be all-inclusive (i.e. including but not being limited to fuel, costs of loading and unloading cargo, landing fees, mooring fees and harbour dues), be expressed in Euro only and exclusive of VAT. The VAT rate(s) where applicable should be indicated separately.
- 2.10.3** Tenderers must confirm that all prices quoted in the Tender will remain valid for 6 months.
- 2.10.4** Any currency variations occurring over the term of the Services Contract shall be borne by the Tenderer.
- 2.10.5** Payments for Services provided pursuant to this RFT shall be subject to and made in accordance with the Services Contract at Appendix 5 to this RFT.
- 2.10.6** Tenderers should note that prices may be increased or decreased only on the first anniversary of the Effective Date of the Services Contract (as defined in the Services Contract) and on subsequent anniversaries of the Effective Date thereafter, and then only by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index excluding petrol, diesel and motor oil has increased or decreased in the edition of that index published by the Central Statistics Office most recently prior to that anniversary.

## **2.11 ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND LABOUR LAW**

- 2.11.1** In the performance of any Services Contract awarded, the successful Tenderers and their Subcontractors (if any), shall be required to comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law that apply at the place where the services are provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the Regulations.
- 2.11.2** Tenderers shall be required to include an undertaking to comply fully with the provisions of Council Directive 2001/23/EC of 12 March 2001 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, business or parts of undertakings or business and as implemented in Irish law by Statutory Instrument No. 131 of 2003,

the European Communities (Protection of Employees on Transfer of Undertakings) Regulations 2003 and to indemnify the Contracting Authority for any claim arising or loss or costs incurred as a result of its failure or incapacity to fulfil its obligations under the said Directive and Statutory Instrument.

**2.11.3** The Protection of Employees (Temporary Agency Work) Act 2012 (the “2012 Act”) provides that an Agency Worker (as defined in the 2012 Act) is entitled to the same basic working and employment conditions as those which apply to employees recruited directly by the Hirer (as defined in the 2012 Act) to do the same or a similar job. Where the provision of the Services will involve the provision to the Contracting Authority of Agency Workers (within the meaning of the 2012 Act), Tenderers should ensure that they consider their obligations under the 2012 Act when pricing their Tender. The Contracting Authority shall have no liability for any increase in salaries that may be payable as a result of the application of the 2012 Act to the provision of the Services.

## **2.12 PUBLICITY**

No publicity regarding this Competition or any Services Contract pursuant to this Competition is permitted unless and until the Contracting Authority has given its prior written consent to the relevant communication.

## **2.13 REGISTRABLE INTEREST**

Any Registrable Interest involving any Tenderer or Subcontractor and the Contracting Authority, members of the Government, members of the Oireachtas, or employees and officers of the Contracting Authority and their relatives must be fully disclosed in the Tender or, in the event of this information only coming to the notice of the Tenderer or Subcontractor after the submission of a Tender, must be communicated to the Contracting Authority immediately upon such information becoming known to the Tenderer or Subcontractor.

The terms “Registrable Interest” and “Relative” shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, copies of which are available at [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie). The Contracting Authority will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating

a Tenderer from this Competition or terminating any Services Contract entered into by a Tenderer.

## **2.14 ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT**

Tenderers' attention is drawn to the Competition Act 2002 (as amended, the "2002 Act"). The 2002 Act makes it a criminal offence for Tenderers to collude on prices or terms in a public procurement competition.

## **2.15 INDUSTRY TERMS USED IN THIS RFT**

Where reference is made to a particular item, source, process, trademark, or type in this RFT then all such references are to be given the meaning generally understood in the relevant industry and operational environment.

## **2.16 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

- 2.16.1** Tenderers should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, information provided by them during this Competition may be liable to be disclosed.
- 2.16.2** Tenderers are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their Tender should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If Tenderers consider that certain information is not to be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, Tenderers must, when providing such information, clearly identify the specific sections of their Tender containing such information and specify the reasons for its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. For the avoidance of doubt Tenderers may not assert confidentiality or commercial sensitivity over the entire Tender but must clearly identify the specific section containing such information. If Tenderers do not identify information as confidential or commercially sensitive, it is liable to be released in response to a request under the above legislation without further notice to or consultation with the Tenderer. The Contracting Authority will, where possible, consult with Tenderers about confidential or commercially sensitive

information so identified before making its decision on a request received. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations.

## **2.17 TAX CLEARANCE**

It will be a condition of any Services Contract pursuant to this Competition that the successful Tenderer(s) shall, for the term of such contract(s), comply with all applicable EU and domestic tax laws. Tenderers are referred to [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) for further information. Prior to the award of any Services Contract arising out of this Competition the successful Tenderer shall be required to supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority. By supplying these numbers the successful Tenderer acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Tenderer to verify its tax cleared position online.

## **2.18 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest on the part of a Tenderer, Subcontractor or individual employee(s) or agent(s) of a Tenderer or Subcontractor(s) must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority as soon as the conflict or potential conflict is or becomes apparent. Tenderers are required to declare that the preparation of their Tender was carried out independently. In the event of any actual or potential conflict of interest, the Contracting Authority may invite Tenderers to propose means by which the conflict of interest might be removed and in circumstances where there are links between Tenderers, the Contracting Authority may seek further information to confirm the Tenders have been prepared independently. The Contracting Authority will, at its absolute discretion, decide on the appropriate course of action, which may in appropriate circumstances include eliminating a Tenderer from this Competition or any Mini-Competition or terminating any Framework Agreement or Services Contract entered into by a Tenderer.

## 2.19 WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS COMPETITION

Tenderers are required to notify the Contracting Authority immediately via the e-tenders website, if at any stage they decide to withdraw from this Competition.

## 2.20 SITE VISIT

2.20.1 Not used.

2.20.2 Not used.

## 2.21 INSURANCE

2.21.1 The successful Tenderer shall be required to hold for the term of the Services Contract the following insurances:

| Type of Insurance                                                                                                     | Indemnity Limit                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Employer's Liability</b>                                                                                           | See Protection and Indemnity below           |
| <b>Public Liability</b>                                                                                               | See Protection and Indemnity below           |
| <b>Product Liability</b>                                                                                              | At the tenderers discretion                  |
| <b>Professional Indemnity</b>                                                                                         | At the tenderers discretion                  |
| <b>Protection and Indemnity (Marine)<br/>Insurance to include pollution cover,<br/>employers and public liability</b> | €10,000,000                                  |
| <b>Marine Hull Cover</b>                                                                                              | Cover required up to the value of the vessel |

### 2.21.2

By signing the Tenderer's Statement at Appendix 3, Tenderers confirm that, if awarded a Services Contract under this Competition, (i) they will, from the Effective Date of the Services Contract (as defined in the Services Contract), obtain and hold the types and levels of insurance as specified at paragraph 2.21.1, (ii) the territorial limits and jurisdiction of its insurance policies include Ireland and (iii) they are not aware of any exclusions, restrictions, conditions or warranties or, in the case of

policies with an aggregate limit of indemnity, any outstanding claims, which could have a material adverse impact on the level of coverage specified above. A formal confirmation from the Tenderer's insurance company or broker to this effect will be requested from the successful Tenderer(s) prior to the award of (and shall be a condition of) any Services Contract.

**2.21.3** The successful Tenderer will, during the term of the Services Contract, be required to:

- (a)** immediately advise the Contracting Authority of any material change to its insured status;
- (b)** produce proof of current premiums paid upon request;
- (c)** produce valid certificates of insurance upon request.

### 3.1 COMPLIANT TENDERS

3.1.1 Only those Tenderers who have:-

- (a) Submitted compliant Tenders pursuant to paragraph 2.2 above, and
- (b) Declared by way of eESPD that either:
  - (i) no mandatory grounds for exclusion of the Tenderer pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to them, or
  - (ii) in circumstances where any mandatory exclusion grounds apply to the Tenderer (and where the Tenderer is not precluded from doing so under Regulation 57(17) of the Regulations), that it can provide evidence to the effect that measures taken by it are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of any such relevant exclusion ground, and
- (c) Declared by way of eESPD that they satisfy the selection criteria for this Competition as set out in part 3.2 below (the “Selection Criteria”) will be evaluated in accordance with the Award Criteria at part 3.3 below.

However, please note that the Contracting Authority also reserves the right to exclude from evaluation a Tenderer to whom a discretionary ground for exclusion pursuant to Regulation 57 of the Regulations applies.

Tenderers should note that where a Tenderer is relying on the capacity of other entities (for example, Subcontractors) for the purposes of fulfilling any of the Selection Criteria in part 3.2 below it must ensure that each such entity:

- (i) completes and submits a separate eESPD in respect of each such entity, and
- (ii) when requested by the Contracting Authority, submit proof, to the satisfaction of the Contracting Authority, that each such entity will place the necessary resources at the disposal of the Tenderer.

The Contracting Authority may decide to examine Tenders before verifying the absence of exclusion grounds in Regulation 57 of the Regulations (the “Exclusion Grounds”) and the fulfilment of the Selection Criteria.

However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this part 3.1, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to ask Tenderers at any moment during the Competition to submit any or all of the following for the purposes of verification of the status of the Tenderer (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractor):

- (i) a Declaration in the form attached at Appendix 4;
- (ii) evidence to the effect that measures taken by the entity concerned are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground;
- (iii) in the case of the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractor on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies, all or any of the supporting documents specified at paragraph 3.2 below;
- (iv) information concerning the Tenderer, and any proposed subcontractors, for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same) including, but not limited to, in respect of natural persons, copies of identity documents and, in respect of legal persons, a certificate or extract from the commercial register or other competent authority of the country in which the legal person is established; and
- (v) information concerning the origin of goods, if any, for the purposes of assessing compliance with Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

If a Tenderer does not, upon request by the Contracting Authority, provide evidence which is considered by the Contracting Authority as sufficient to demonstrate (i) its fulfilment of the Selection Criteria (or any one of them) in accordance with this RFT and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds, or its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground and (iii) that it does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576) and (iv) that the origin of goods, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same) then it shall be excluded from further participation in this Competition.

If a Tenderer does not, upon request by the Contracting Authority, provide evidence which is considered by the Contracting Authority as sufficient to demonstrate (i) the fulfilment by any Subcontractor on whose capacity the Prime Contractor relies of the Selection Criteria (or any one of them) in accordance with this RFT and (ii) the absence of Exclusion Grounds in respect of any Subcontractor, or the reliability of any Subcontractor despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground and (iii) that any proposed Subcontractor on whose capacity the Tenderer relies (where the value of that subcontract exceeds 10% of the value of the Services Contract) does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576) then, it shall be excluded from further participation in this Competition *unless* it replaces the Subcontractor with one which meets all relevant requirements of this RFT.

## **3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA (PASS/FAIL)**

### **3.2A Economic and Financial Standing**

Tenderers must declare by way of ESPD that they satisfy the financial and economic standing requirement(s) set out below and that they are able, upon request and without delay, to provide the supporting documentation specified below to the Contracting Authority in each case.

| Ref. | Item                                                                                                                                                                    | Documentation/Evidence required on Request.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| i.   | Tenderers must show that they have sufficient financial capacity to successfully provide the ferry service, as set out in this RFT, over the full term of the Contract. | <p>Tenderers are required to demonstrate a minimum average annual turnover of €60,000 (excluding VAT) over the last three financial years, or, where the Tenderer has been established for a shorter period, over the years during which the Tenderer has traded.</p> <p>Compliance with this requirement will be assessed on the basis of the average turnover across the relevant years and not as a requirement to achieve €60,000 turnover in each individual year.</p> <p>Tenderers must also confirm that they are able, upon request and without delay, to produce audited accounts or equivalent as evidence of this in advance of the award of Services Contract.</p> <p>In the case of sole traders or partnerships, this requirement may be satisfied by the provision of accounts, accountant-prepared financial statements, or a letter of confirmation from the tenderer's accountant confirming the relevant turnover figures.</p> |
| ii.  | Tenderers must provide evidence of contractual                                                                                                                          | It is a requirement that all vessels be owned, leased or chartered by the Tenderer and be available for service for the term of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|      | links to vessels proposed for the ferry service.                                            | the contract and evidence to this effect must be provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| iii. | Tenderers must declare that they will have Tax Clearance prior to the award of any contract | Prior to the award of any Services Contract arising out of this Competition the successful Tenderer shall be required to supply its Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate online verification of their tax status by the Contracting Authority. By supplying these numbers, the successful Tenderer acknowledges and agrees that the Contracting Authority has the permission of the successful Tenderer to verify its tax cleared position online. |

### 3.2B Professional and Technical Ability

Tenderers must declare by way of e-ESPD that they satisfy the technical and professional requirement(s) set out below and that they are able, upon request and without delay, to provide the supporting documentation specified below to the Contracting Authority in each case.

| Ref | Item    | Documentation/Evidence: To be Provided Upon Request                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| i.  | Licence | A valid Irish Department of Transport / Marine Survey Office passenger vessel certification appropriate for the proposed service, voyage category, passenger numbers and cargo operations associated with this contract. |

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|      |                   | The Tenderer shall demonstrate that the proposed vessel is legally certificated for the carriage of passengers and cargo between Portmagee and Sceilg Mhichíl                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ii.  | Stability Booklet | A Marine Survey Office approved Stability Booklet for the proposed vessel. Demonstrating the vessel cargo carrying capacity to include crane operation if the vessel has one fitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| iii. | Vessel Capacity   | <p>The proposed vessel must be capable of safely carrying:</p> <p>(a) Up to 12 passengers and associated light stores; and</p> <p>(b) Alternatively, a combined operational load comprising a minimum of 1 tonne of cargo together with a minimum of 2 passengers and crew, in compliance with the vessel's approved stability documentation, loading limitations and certification.</p> |
| iv.  | Vessel Details    | Tenderers are required to provide a detail of the specific vessels (main and back up) to be used on the service to include: Vessel principal dimension to include length, beam, displacement, year of build, propulsion type size and age, general layout (can be drawings or photographs), top speed, max passenger                                                                     |

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|    |                | <p>numbers and max dead weight. Both proof of ownership in the form of a registration document, builder's cert, bill of sale, and, where a vessel is chartered is in place a copy of the BIMCO or equivalent charter party forms.</p> <p>Tenderers are required to have access to a back-up vessel of similar specification and capacity to the main vessel. Tenderers should note that the backup vessel(s) is/are for use <b><u>only</u></b> in circumstances where a main vessel is unavailable due to maintenance, servicing or repair. It shall only (save in circumstances where required for the purpose of preventing injury or danger to life) be used with prior written consent of the Contracting Authority. No other vessel shall be used to provide the service unless the Contracting Authority has given prior written consent</p> |
| v. | Qualifications | <p>Applicants must provide copies of qualifications for the Skipper, Alternate Skipper and Crew as required by current legislation for P5 licenced boats. Please see Appendix 7: Qualifications, for the qualifications required.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| vi.   | Insurance                               | Proof of insurance for the designated vessel as per the requirements under 2.21 of this document.                                                                                 |
| vii.  | Portmagee Departure and Return Point    | Tenderers are required to provide confirmation of a berth at Portmagee Marina from which to depart and return. Portmagee will be the departure and return point for this service. |
| viii. | Previous Comparable Contract Experience | Applicants must provide information clearly demonstrating successful delivery of one previous comparable contract. Applicable references to be provided.                          |

### 3.3 AWARD CRITERIA

**3.3.1** The Services Contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender(s) as identified in accordance with the following criteria:

Only those who have qualified in accordance with Paragraph 3.2 of this RFT will proceed to be evaluated under this paragraph 3.3.

No commitment of any kind, contractual or otherwise shall exist unless and until a formal written contract has been executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority. Any award of notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the Tenderer. The Contracting Authority may cancel this public procurement competition at any time prior to a formal written contract being executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Tender.

### 3.3.2 Information to be Submitted by Tenderer

The information submitted by the tenderer is to be submitted in/attached to the Tender Response Document, will be scored under the following criteria.

|                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Award Criteria Scoring</b>                                                |                                    |                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                   | Marks Available                                                              | Minimum Marks Required 60% to pass | In accordance with                                                                      |
| <b>i) Fee Proposal</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | 300 marks                                                                    | 180 marks                          | Appendix 1 Requirements and Specifications, Section 1.6 and Appendix 2 Pricing Schedule |
| <b>ii) Experience &amp; C.V's</b><br>1. Demonstrated experience operating a passenger and cargo boat<br><br>2. Work experience and qualifications<br><br>3. Details of replacement Skipper | 300 marks<br><br>Comprised of:<br>150 marks<br><br>100 marks<br><br>20 marks | 180 marks                          | Appendix 1 Requirements and Specifications, Section 1.7                                 |

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| 4. Details of proven capacity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 20 marks                                                                                       |           |                                                         |
| 5. Nominated Manager and team roles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10 marks                                                                                       |           |                                                         |
| <b>iii) Service Delivery/ Outline Methodology (including Health and Safety/ Risk Management)</b><br><br>1. Suitability of proposed vessel.<br><br>2. Details of Safety Management Systems, Risk and H&S Statement.<br><br>3. Methodology for Client Liaison and Service Delivery<br><br>4. Responsiveness and flexibility in scheduling and availability | 200 marks<br><br>Comprised of:<br><br>80 marks<br><br>75 marks<br><br>25 marks<br><br>20 marks | 120 marks | Appendix 1 Requirements and Specifications, Section 1.8 |

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| <b>iv) Company Information/ Structure</b><br><br>1. Company background and structure<br><br>2. Chain of command and service quality                                                               | 100<br><br>Comprised of:<br><br>50 marks<br><br>50 marks       | 60 | Appendix 1, Requirements and Specifications, Section 1.9  |
| <b>v) Sustainability and Environmental Considerations</b><br><br>1. Environmental Protection Policy compliance and impacts<br><br>2. Measures to reduce environmental impact and innovative plans | 100 marks<br><br>Comprised of:<br><br>90 marks<br><br>10 marks | 60 | Appendix 1, Requirements and Specifications, Section 1.10 |
| <b>Total Marks for All Award Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1,000</b>                                                   |    |                                                           |

The contract will be awarded based on the most economically advantageous tender.

In a Quality/ Price weighting 70:30. 700 is the Maximum Quality Marks that can be awarded **and** 300 is the Maximum Price Marks.

The Minimum Overall Quality Threshold for each criteria is 60%.

Any tenderer who fails to reach the minimum thresholds in any response will be excluded from further consideration.

For Full Transparency and Clarity, please note the below scoring mechanism for the Quality award criteria:

| Score                  | Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 85 - 100% of the Marks | Excellent response that fully meets or exceeds specification that provides comprehensive and convincing assurance that the tenderer will deliver to an excellent standard.                                                     |
| 70- 84% of the Marks   | A very good response that demonstrates a real understanding of the specification and provides high level of assurance that the work will be delivered to a high standard.                                                      |
| 60- 69% of the Marks   | A satisfactory response that demonstrates a reasonable understanding of the specification and gives reasonable assurance of delivery of an adequate standard but does not provide convincing assurance to award a higher mark. |
| 40- 59% of the Marks   | A response where reservations exist, lacks detail and does not provide confidence to the Board that the required services will be successfully delivered.                                                                      |
| 1-39% of the marks     | A response where serious reservations exist, insufficient detail provided, or the response has fundamental flaws or is seriously inadequate with a high degree of risk of non-delivery                                         |

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| 0% of the Marks | No response, or partial response only and poor evidence of support of it, complete failure to meet the specification. |
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**3.3.2** Subject to paragraphs 2.1 (Important Notices) and 3.5 (Standstill Period) of this RFT, award of the Services Contract to the highest ranked Tenderer (as determined by paragraph 3.3.1) will be conditional upon:

- (a) the Tenderer submitting the following evidence in respect of the Tenderer (including the Prime Contractor and any Subcontractors, as applicable in accordance with paragraph 3.1 above) to the extent not already provided, within seven (7) days of request by the Contracting Authority: (i) a Declaration in the form attached at Appendix 4; (ii) if applicable, evidence to the effect that measures taken by the entity concerned are sufficient to demonstrate its reliability despite the existence of a relevant Exclusion Ground; (iii) all or any of the supporting documents specified at paragraph 3.2; and
- (b) the evidence specified at paragraph 3.3.2(a) above demonstrating that each entity concerned meets the Selection Criteria and the compliance requirements specified at paragraph 3.1(b) and (c) above.

## **3.4 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS**

Tenderers may be required to make a presentation of the proposal contained in their Tender. The Contracting Authority will not be responsible for the cost of such presentations (in accordance with paragraph 2.8). Performance at presentations will NOT be evaluated.

## **3.5 STANDSTILL PERIOD**

**3.5.1** In circumstances where the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010 (Statutory Instrument 130 of 2010), as amended by the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review

Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument 192 of 2015) and the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (Statutory Instrument 327 of 2017) apply, no contract can or will be executed or take effect until at least fourteen (14) calendar days after the day on which the Tenderers have been sent a notice informing them of the result of this Competition ("Standstill Period") if such notice is sent by electronic means. The Standstill Period shall be sixteen (16) calendar days if such notice is sent by other means. The preferred bidder will be notified of the decision of the Contracting Authority and of the expiry date of the Standstill Period.

- 3.5.2 Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority may, when notifying Tenderers of the results of this Competition, include the scores obtained by the Tenderer concerned and the scores obtained by the preferred bidder in respect of each award criterion assessed by the Contracting Authority.

## **3.6 RETURN OF SIGNED CONTRACTS**

- 3.6.1 The successful Tenderer must sign and return the Services Contract and the Confidentiality Agreement, both in duplicate, to the Contracting Authority no later than 14 calendar days from the date of expiry of the Standstill Period unless notified otherwise in writing by the Contracting Authority. A signed Services Contract returned by the successful Tenderer is not binding on the Contracting Authority until the Contracting Authority has signed the Services Contract in accordance with paragraph 2.1.2 above.
- 3.6.2 Where the signed Services Contract and the Confidentiality Agreement have not been received by the Contracting Authority within the period as specified at paragraph 3.6.1 then the Contracting Authority may proceed to award the Services Contract to the next highest-ranked Tenderer in accordance with paragraph 3.6.1 above.

## Appendix 1: Requirements and Specifications

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Tenderers must address each of the issues and requirements in this part of the RFT and submit a detailed description in each case which demonstrates how these issues and requirements will be dealt with / met and their approach to the proposed delivery of the Services. A mere affirmative statement by the Tenderer that it can/will do so or a reiteration of the tender requirements is NOT sufficient in this regard.

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

Sceilg Mhichíl is one of only two UNESCO World Heritage sites in Ireland and is located approximately 8 miles off the Kerry coast. The island is in State Ownership and the conservation and presentation of the island to visitors is the responsibility of the Office of Public Works.

The site is open to visitors each year from mid-May until late September. In 2027, it is envisaged that OPW works crews will attend the island from early April (weather permitting) in order to ready the site for visitors, and stay throughout the full season carrying out conservation works on various parts of the island.

A ferry service is required from early April to late September each year, in order to transport guide staff, operational staff, contractors, and other stakeholders, as well as cargo to and from the site. **The proposed period for this service in 2027 is planned for no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027 commencement and ending on 30th September 2027. This is dependent on weather conditions and other factors such works requirements. In the event of poor weather in September, a small number of trips may be required in early October to retrieve equipment and secure the island for the winter months. Any such trips will be notified and agreed in advance.**

## 1.2 DEMOGRAPHY OF SCEILG MHICHÍL

Sceilg Mhichíl is situated 12 km/ 8 miles from Portmagee, Co. Kerry per the maps at 1.21 below. The successful tenderer will be required to depart from the Marina in Portmagee, Co Kerry. Evidence will be required that the successful tenderer has secured a berthing space with the relevant authorities at Portmagee Marina if successful which is to be included with the tender response document.

### 1.2.1 Maps



### 1.3 SERVICE PROCUREMENT

The Office of Public Works invites suitable economic operators to tender for the provision of an official passenger and cargo ferry transportation service from Portmagee, Co. Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry.

1.3.1 The objectives of this procurement process are:

- i) To provide an Official Passenger & Cargo Transportation Service to the OPW between Portmagee Marina, Portmagee, Co. Kerry and Sceilg Mhichíl pier, Co. Kerry;
- ii) To offer a contract for the service for 2 seasons with the option to extend the Term for up to two additional periods of one season each, on the same terms and conditions, subject to the Contracting Authority's obligations at law.

1.3.2 The successful tenderer will be required to transport OPW guide staff, operational staff, other stakeholders, and/or cargo between Portmagee Marina, Portmagee, Co. Kerry and Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry. Cargo will typically be placed on one tonne pallets and will generally comprise staff provisions (food, drinking water, bedding, clothing, cleaning and sanitary items), construction materials (timber, steel, concrete blocks and bags of cement / sand and aggregate) and or construction equipment (machinery, tools, plant and fuel for the equipment).

1.3.3 The Contracting Authority will not be offering or providing assistance for the purchase or upgrading of any vessels, vehicles or equipment used to provide contracted services.

1.3.4 Tenderers cannot rely on any previous experience which the OPW may have of them either as a Tenderer or as a result of current or previous contracts. Tenderers will only be evaluated on the information provided in their Tender.

1.3.5 Where a Tenderer proposes to subcontract elements of the service, full details of the subcontractors experience shall be included in the Tender.

- 1.3.6 The Contracting Authority will complete pre and post season meetings with the successful tenderer to discuss matters arising pertaining to delivery of the service.

#### 1.4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1.4.1 The service will consist of one route only from Portmagee Marina in Portmagee, Co. Kerry to the pier at Sceilg Mhichíl and back.

1.4.2 In general the return journey takes place later on the same day. There may be occasions when it is simply a drop off of passengers and/or cargo and an immediate return to Portmagee, Co. Kerry. On other occasions personnel will require a round trip in one day. Departure times can vary from 6.00am to 10.00am, the return journey in general takes place on the same day no later than 9.00pm. These times are strictly dependent on weather, landing conditions and other variables. The successful tenderer will liaise with OPW personnel to arrange departure and estimated return times within 24 hours of the departure time wherever possible in advance of journeys. However, there may be occasions when less than 24 hours' notice can be provided, for example, if weather conditions are due to deteriorate or a staff member has to depart at short notice for any reason. It is a strict contractual obligation that the successful tenderer will be in a position to meet these conditions and be available to provide the service at the times requested by the Contracting Authority. It is crucial that the nominated point of contact for the successful tenderer liaise with the nominated OPW representative regarding the operation of the service.

- 1.4.3 Tenderers are required to have access to a backup vessel of similar specification to the main vessel. Tenderers should note that the backup vessel(s) is/are for use **only** in circumstances where a main vessel is unavailable due to maintenance, servicing or repair. It shall only (save in circumstances where required for the purpose of preventing injury or danger to life) be used with prior written consent of the Contracting Authority. No

other vessel shall be used to provide the service unless the Contracting Authority has given prior written consent.

- 1.4.4 Tenderers should note that the main vessel and the backup vessel should be maintained fully licenced as P5 passenger boats capable of carrying 12 passengers and or 1 tonne of cargo and 2 passengers as set out by S.I. No. 273 of 2002 Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boat) Regulations 2002 and interpreted by the Irish Marine Survey Office.
- 1.4.5 The economic operator shall ensure that the said vessels comply at all times with S.I. No. 273 of 2002 Merchant Shipping and any other Bye-Laws vessels operation with the departure and arrival ports. It will be a condition of any contract that may result from this competition that the economic operator will be required to ensure that both vessels are kept licenced during specific operating periods.
- 1.4.6 The boat operator shall maintain valid insurance cover for the duration of the contract and shall, upon request, provide a copy of the relevant insurance policy together with evidence that all premiums due have been paid. Any extension or amendment to the contract during its term shall be subject to prior written agreement of both parties.
- 1.4.7 In the event of the boat operator failing to provide a satisfactory service to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Public Works pursuant to the terms of any contract OR in the event of a breach by the boat operator of any of the conditions or agreements herein contained OR in the event of his/her conduct being such that in the opinion of the Commissioners he/she is unsuitable as a boat operator then and in any such event the contract may be terminated at any time on giving to the boat operator one weeks' notice.
- 1.4.8 The successful Tenderer will be required under any contract resulting from this competition, to ensure that the safety of the vessels is paramount at all times during the Term.
- 1.4.9 During the Term of any contract that may result from this competition, the successful Tenderer shall ensure that the vessels are managed and operated in a manner that consistently provides the highest possible standards of safety and quality of service.

1.4.10 The successful Tenderer shall be required to take into account all and any relevant industry codes of practice guidelines and standards.

1.4.11 The successful Tenderer should note that during the Term of any contract resulting from this competition, it shall be required to comply with all health and safety legislation which is relevant to the provision of the service and shall, when requested by the relevant Minister, provide a copy of the Safety Statement prepared by it in compliance with Section 12 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 1989.

1.4.12 Tenderers should note that during the Term of any contract resulting from this competition, the successful Tenderer shall comply with all applicable Irish and European maritime, health and safety legislation, regulations and statutory instruments relevant to the operation of passenger vessels and harbour activities, including but not limited to:

- The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and associated Regulations;
- The Merchant Shipping Acts 1894–2022 and all relevant Statutory Instruments made thereunder;
- All applicable legislation, codes of practice and guidance issued by the Marine Survey Office (MSO), the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), the Department of Transport and any Harbour Authority;
- All health and safety requirements relating to the use and operation of harbours, piers, embarkation and disembarkation points;
- All applicable maritime safety, navigation, crewing, operational and environmental protection requirements relating to the safe carriage of passengers and cargo by sea.

The service is expected to include approximately 85 round trips per season. If a higher number of trips is anticipated, this will be indicated.

## 1.5 PORTS/ PIERS

Tenderer's must confirm in their 'Tenderers' Statement' (Appendix 3 of this RFT) that the conditions outlined below are accepted:

- 1.5.1 Portmagee Marina will be the primary mainland port for departure and return. The tenderer must provide documentation from the relevant authorities of Portmagee Marina that a berthing location will be available to them should the tenderer be successful in this competition.
- 1.5.2 During the term of the contract other suitable mainland piers may also be used, should the primary port be unavailable due to circumstances that are beyond the control of the successful tenderer. In any event, it is a condition of any contract that may arise from this competition that, authorisation to use any other port, other than the primary port, must also be sought from the Contracting Authority prior to a scheduled trip.
- 1.5.3 The pier at Sceilg Mhichíl will be the drop off/ pick up location of passengers and cargo. Tenderers must also confirm in their 'Tenderers' Statement' that they are satisfied that any vessel that is proposed is capable of berthing and un-berthing at any of the nominated piers/ ports and that the required facilities are provided at those ports.

## 1.6 FEE PROPOSAL

Marks will be awarded under this criteria based on below: Maximum marks available: 300  
Marks

- Total cost per round trip is to include vessel, skipper, fuel, crew if applicable, harbour charges and all operational costs.
- The cost per round trip may apply to the carriage of cargo, passengers or both.
- Cost per round trip charges are to be exclusive of VAT.
- Please see Appendix 2 Pricing Schedule for further details on requirements and scoring.

## **1.7 EXPERIENCE AND C.V.'S**

Marks will be awarded under this criteria based on below: Maximum marks available 300 Marks.

- 1.7.1 Demonstrated experience of operating a vessel, carrying both passengers and cargo from Portmagee to Sceilg Mhichíl and experience of landing at the pier in Sceilg Mhichíl. (150 marks)
- 1.7.2 Details required of the relevant work experience and professional qualifications as stipulated by the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office (MSO) and applicable legislation of each Boat Operator, Skipper and crew (including a 1 page CV for each member with passport size photograph). (100 marks)
- 1.7.3 Tenderers must provide, at the time of submission, details of any person who may skipper the boat if the nominated skipper becomes unavailable, including the qualifications required by the MSO and applicable legislation. (20 marks)
- 1.7.4 Proven capacity to transport both goods and passengers safely, to be demonstrated with specific examples and supporting documentation such as references and testimonials. (20 marks)
- 1.7.5 Tenderers should also identify the nominated Manager and the roles of each team member delivering the service. Nominated Managers will be awarded higher marks based on experience of managing a similar service. Please note it is acceptable if there are duplicate roles, For example, the Nominated Manager is also the Skipper. (10 marks)

## **1.8 SERVICE DELIVERY, OUTLINE METHODOLOGY (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY/ RISK MANAGEMENT):**

Marks will be awarded under this criteria based on below: Maximum marks available 200 marks.

- 1.8.1 Outline the suitability of the proposed vessel to provide a service for passengers and cargo by providing detailed specifications and a description of the proposed vessel. Good quality images of the proposed vessel should be included showing the vessel, internally and externally and clearly showing the on board facilities. (80 marks)

1.8.2 Details of the Safety Management Systems and procedures in place to incorporate a safety policy and objectives and risk management system. It should include a risk management approach for adverse weather and operational hazards, equipment, standard operational procedures, incident reporting procedures, Emergency Response Plan, documented vessel maintenance record, maintenance plan etc. This should also incorporate a risk assessment of the delivery of the service and Health and Safety Statement (75 marks)

1.8.3 Tenderers to provide detail and demonstrate how they intend to manage communication and work with the designated OPW contact throughout the lifetime of the contract. The proposed approach to service delivery should be outlined, showing how a maximum and effective level of service will be delivered and should include all aspects of the service from arranging the times of departure through to invoicing. This should include details of team members assigned, equipment to be used etc. (25 marks)

1.8.4 Taking into account the OPW's requirements in Appendix 1, Section 1.1 and Section 1.4.2, provide details on the availability of the vessel and skipper. In addition, outline and confirm ability to be responsive and flexible in scheduling, including the ability to handle emergency/ urgent transport requests. (20 marks)

## **1.9 COMPANY INFORMATION/STRUCTURE:**

Marks will be awarded under this criteria based on below: Maximum marks available 100 Marks

1.9.1 Details of the tendering company (or lead Company of a consortium) including its background, management structure and availability and plan for back up resources. (50 marks)

1.9.2 Tenderers are required to demonstrate the chain of command that would be followed when undertaking this contract and also demonstrate how it can ensure a high standard of quality in the delivery of the service. (50 marks)

## **1.10 SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Marks will be awarded under this criteria based on below: Maximum marks available 100 marks.

The Contracting Authority in accordance with Circular 17/2025 Green Procurement Instructions for Public Sector Bodies, recognises the importance of having due regard for the ongoing climate crisis in its provision of services. Furthermore, the area in which the service operates is one of great natural beauty and the Sceilg Mhichíl is a UNESCO World Heritage site, it is therefore the intention of the Contracting Authority that this service shall have minimal environmental impact on the area it services.

1.10.1 Tenderer's must provide their standalone Environmental Protection Policy. It should include how it is intended to minimise the environmental impact of the service and mitigate any negative environmental impacts that running the service. Confirmation is required regarding compliance with relevant environmental legislation (90 marks)

Details of measures to be employed to reduce pollution emissions and waste is to be provided. (10 marks)

## Appendix 2: Pricing Schedule

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**2.1** All Tenderers must complete the Pricing Schedule at as detailed in the document named **Tender Response Document**. Contract Value is based on the estimate of the total return trips undertaken in season's 2023, 2024 and 2025– averaging at 75 trips per season.

2.1.1 Tenderers must provide a detailed statement of costs and fees. Tenderers must note that the Total price submitted will be fixed for the duration of the contract (i.e. no request for an increase in price will be considered) and as such must account for any potential increases in costs associated with the service provision during this timeframe and must quote accordingly.

2.1.3 Any currency variations occurring over the term of the Services Contract shall be borne by the tenderer.

2.1.4 The table below will need to be completed in the document titled Tender Response Document.

2.1.5 The successful tenderer may, on occasion, be required by the Contracting Authority to make a return trip outside of the standard hours of 7.30am to 7.00pm. This would require a departure time from Portmagee before 7.30am or from Sceilg Mhichíl after 7pm. The tenderer may propose an additional charge/surcharge per return trip taking place outside of regular hours. This charge is applicable only if it has been specifically requested by the Contracting Authority. Please note this surcharge rate will be added to the all-inclusive cost at point 1 below for the assessment of cost.

| Description                                                                                                                                                               | Total € (ex VAT) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. All-inclusive cost for 1 x return trip from Portmagee to Sceilg Mhichíl for departure times between the standard hours of 7.30am to 7.00pm                             |                  |
| 2. Additional surcharge per return trip outside of standard hours. Applicable only if specifically requested by the Contracting Authority i.e. before 7.30am or after 7pm |                  |
| <b>Total Cost for provision of service per return trip *. (1 +2)</b>                                                                                                      |                  |

**\* This cost will go forward for assessment of marks on cost.**

## **2.2 Evaluation of Costs**

2.2.1 For the purpose of this competition, tenderers are required to provide costs based on the schedule in 2.1 Appendix 2 above. The costs that will be evaluated are the **TOTAL** costs.

2.2.2 There is a total of 300 marks allocated to the overall cost criterion, which equates to 30% of the overall marks available.

2.2.3 The tenderer who proposes the lowest total cost for the provision of service per round trip will receive 100% of the maximum marks available (i.e. 300 marks).

All other tenderers will be scored using the following formula:

Cost Score = Lowest Tendered Total Cost Per Provision of Service Per Round Trip/  
Total Cost Per the Provision of Service Per Return Trip X Maximum Marks Available.

Example: For demonstration purposes only:

Tenderer A, B and C submitted tenders for the pricing element as follows:

Tenderer A Mock Submission:

| Description                                                                                                                                                               | Total € (ex VAT) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. All-inclusive cost for 1 x return trip from Portmagee to Sceilg Mhichíl for departure times between the standard hours of 7.30am to 7.00pm                             | <b>€100.00</b>   |
| 2. Additional surcharge per return trip outside of standard hours. Applicable only if specifically requested by the Contracting Authority i.e. before 7.30am or after 7pm | <b>€50.00</b>    |
| <b>Total Cost for provision of service per return trip *. (1 +2)</b>                                                                                                      | <b>€150.00</b>   |

Tenderer B's Mock Submission:

| <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Total € (ex VAT)</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. All-inclusive cost for 1 x return trip from Portmagee to Sceilg Mhichíl for departure times between the standard hours of 7.30am to 7.00pm                             | <b>€300.00</b>          |
| 2. Additional surcharge per return trip outside of standard hours. Applicable only if specifically requested by the Contracting Authority i.e. before 7.30am or after 7pm | <b>€200.00</b>          |
| <b>Total Cost for provision of service per return trip *. (1 +2)</b>                                                                                                      | <b>€500.00</b>          |

Tenderer C's Mock Submission:

| <b>Description</b>                                                 | <b>Total € (ex VAT)</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. All-inclusive cost for 1 x return trip from Portmagee to Sceilg | <b>€500.00</b>          |

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| Mhichíl for departure times between the standard hours of 7.30am to 7.00pm                                                                                                |                |
| 2. Additional surcharge per return trip outside of standard hours. Applicable only if specifically requested by the Contracting Authority i.e. before 7.30am or after 7pm | <b>€300.00</b> |
| <b>Total Cost for provision of service per return trip *. (1 +2)</b>                                                                                                      | <b>€800.00</b> |

Tenderer A as the tenderer who has submitted the lowest total cost provision per return trip receives the top marks of 300 marks.

Tenderer B's score is calculated using the formula outlined as follows:

150 (Tenderer A's Total Cost) divided by 500 (Tenderer's B Total Cost) multiplied by 300 ( Total Marks Available) giving a cost score for Tenderer B of 90 marks.

Tenderer C's score is calculated using the formula outlined as follows:

150 ( Tenderer A's Total Cost) divided by 800 ( Tenderer C's Total Cost) multiplied by 300 ( Total Marks Available) Giving a cost score for Tenderer C of 56 marks

2.2.4 All marks achieved under each cost criterion will be added together to give a total cost award criteria score.

2.2.5 All prices quoted must be all-inclusive (i.e. including but not being limited to fuel, harbour fees, ancillary costs and all other costs/expenses), be expressed in Euro only and **exclusive of VAT**. The VAT rate(s) where applicable should be indicated separately.

### Appendix 3: Tenderers' Statement

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[Tenderers shall complete and return the following form of Tenderers' Statement printed on the Tenderers' headed notepaper and signed by the Tenderer.]

#### **TENDERERS' STATEMENT**

TO: The Office of Public Works (the "Contracting Authority")

RE: Request for Tenders for the Supply of an Official Passenger and Cargo Ferry Transportation Service from Portmagee, Co. Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry

Having examined your Request for Tenders (the "RFT") including the Instructions to Tenderers, the Selection and Award Criteria, the Requirements and Specifications, and the Terms and Conditions of the Services Contract, we hereby declare the following:

1. We understand the nature and extent of the Services required to be delivered as described in Requirements and Specifications at Appendix 1 to the RFT.
2. We accept all of the Terms and Conditions of the RFT, the Services Contract and the Confidentiality Agreement and agree if awarded a Services Contract to execute the Services Contract at Appendix 5 to the RFT and the Confidentiality Agreement at Appendix 6 to the RFT.
3. We accept all the Selection and Award Criteria as set out in Part 3 of the RFT.
4. We agree to provide the Contracting Authority with the Services in accordance with the RFT and our Tender.
5. We agree that, if awarded any Services Contract, we shall, in the performance of such contract, comply with all applicable obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law.
6. We confirm that we have complied with all requirements as set out at Part 2 of the RFT.

7. We confirm that all prices quoted in our Tender will remain valid for the period of time commencing from the Tender Deadline, as specified at paragraph 2.10.3 of the RFT.
8. We shall, if awarded any Services Contract under the RFT, have in place on the Effective Date of the Services Contract all insurances (if any) as required by paragraph 2.21.1 of the RFT.
9. We confirm that all Data Subjects whose Personal Data is provided in our Tender have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by us, the Contracting Authority, the Evaluation Team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of our participation in this Competition or that we otherwise have a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of our participation in this Competition and that we will provide evidence of such consent and / or legal basis to the Contracting Authority upon request.
10. We do not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).
11. The origin of goods connected to our Tender, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).
12. The subcontractor(s) on whose capacity we rely as part of our Tender (where the value of that subcontract exceeds 10% of the value of the Services Contract) does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

**SIGNED**

**Company**

**(Authorised Signatory)**

**Print name**

**Address**

**Date**

### Appendix 3A: Foreign Subsidies Regulation

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Tenderers are referred to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Foreign Subsidies distorting the Internal Market, in addition to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441, and their obligation to comply therewith. In particular, tenders and candidates should note the requirements under Articles 28 and 29 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 relating to the prior notification or declaration of a foreign financial contribution, where the estimated value of the public procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the applicable financial thresholds set out therein.

Where the estimated value of the public procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial threshold set out at Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, economic operators are required to comply in full with their obligations under both that Regulation and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441. In that regard, economic operators are required to complete the relevant form of declaration or notification that apply to their particular circumstances.

### Appendix 3A: Schedule A – Declaration of no foreign financial contributions

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[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has **not** been in receipt of any foreign financial contributions]

TO: The Office of Public Works (the “Contracting Authority”)

RE: Request for Tenders for the Supply of an Official Passenger and Cargo Ferry Transportation Service from Portmagee, Co. Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry

We hereby declare that none of the notifying parties has been in receipt of any foreign financial contributions within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

**SIGNED**

**Notifying Party**

**(Authorised Signatory)**

**Print name**

**Address**

**Date**

## **Appendix 3A: Schedule B – Declaration that any foreign financial contributions are non-notifiable having regard to the de minimis threshold**

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[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of foreign financial contributions that do not exceed *de minimis* aid as defined in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) 1407/2013 (i.e. €200,000) per third country over any consecutive three period]

**Form FS-PP relating to the notification of financial contributions in the context of public procurement procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/2560**

### **1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)**

### **2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)**

### **3. Declaration (Section 7 of Form FS-PP)**

None of the notifying parties have received foreign financial contributions notifiable under Chapter 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

### **4. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)**

The notifying party(ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

**[Signatory 1]**

**[Signatory 2]**

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

**Appendix 3A: Schedule C – Declaration of non-notifiable foreign financial contributions  
(valued between €200,000 and €999,000 in the last three years preceding the declaration)**

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[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of foreign financial contributions which are valued between €200,000 and €999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration. Notifying parties are required to complete Table 2 below and they may aggregate the foreign financial contributions without indicating their values.]

**Form FS-PP relating to the notification of financial contributions in the context of public procurement procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/2560**

**1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)**

**2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)**

**3. Declaration (Section 7 of Form FS-PP)**

None of the notifying parties have received foreign financial contributions notifiable under Chapter 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560

**4. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)**

The notifying party (ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are

identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party (ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

**[Signatory 1]**

**[Signatory 2]**

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

**Table 2**

For reporting of foreign financial contributions which are of a value between €200,000 and €999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration

| <b>Third Country</b> | <b>Brief Description of the financial contributions</b> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Country A</b>     |                                                         |
| <b>Country B</b>     |                                                         |
| <b>Country C</b>     |                                                         |
| <b>Country D</b>     |                                                         |

**Appendix 3A: Schedule D – Declaration of non-notifiable foreign financial contributions (valued between €1,000,000 and €3,999,000 in the last three years preceding the declaration)**

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[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of foreign financial contributions which are valued between €1,000,000 and €3,999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration. Notifying parties are required to complete the table below. They must list all foreign financial contributions received, to include all non-notifiable foreign contributions received in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration.]

**Form FS-PP relating to the notification of financial contributions in the context of public procurement procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2022/2560**

**1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)**

**2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)**

**3. Declaration (Section 7 of Form FS-PP)**

None of the notifying parties have received foreign financial contributions notifiable under Chapter 4 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

**4. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)**

The notifying party (ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete

copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

**[Signatory 1]**

**[Signatory 2]**

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

### Table

For reporting of foreign financial contributions which are of a value between €1,000,000 and €3,999,000 in the last three (3) years preceding the declaration, to include all non-notifiable foreign contributions.

| Third Country | Type of Financial Contribution (FC) | Brief Description of the purpose of the FC and the granting entity | Estimated value of the FC |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Country A     |                                     |                                                                    |                           |
| Country B     |                                     |                                                                    |                           |
| Country C     |                                     |                                                                    |                           |
| Country D     |                                     |                                                                    |                           |

## **Appendix 3A: Schedule E – Notification of Foreign Financial Contributions**

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[To be completed by notifying parties where the value of the procurement procedure is equal to or greater than the financial thresholds in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and where the notifying party has been in receipt of aggregated foreign financial contributions in the three (3) years prior to notification, valued equal to or greater than €4M per third country].

### **1. Description of the public procurement (Section 1 of Form FS-PP)**

### **2. Information about notifying parties (Section 2 of Form FS-PP)**

### **3. Foreign Financial Contributions – (Section 3 of Form FS-PP)**

**3.1** For the purposes of this section 3.1, the notifying party(ies) should report foreign financial contributions falling into the scope of Article 5(1), points (a), (b), (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, which are amongst the most likely to distort the internal market.

3.1.1. In order to allow the Commission to determine whether a foreign financial contribution has been granted to an undertaking that was ailing within the meaning of Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, notifying parties should indicate whether any of the following conditions were met at any point of time in the three years prior to the notification.

3.1.1.1. Is the notifying party a limited liability company, where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.2. Is the notifying party a company where at least some members have unlimited liability for the debt of the company, and where more than half of its capital as shown in the company accounts has disappeared as a result of accumulated

losses?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.3. Is the notifying party subject to collective insolvency proceedings or does it fulfil the criteria under its domestic law for being placed in collective insolvency proceedings at the request of its creditors?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.4. In the case the notifying party in question is not an SME:

3.1.1.4.1. Has the notifying party's book debt to equity ratio been greater than 7, 5 for the past two years

And

3.1.1.4.2. Has the notifying party's EBITDA interest coverage ratio been below 1, 0 for the past two years?

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.5. If the reply to any of the questions in sections 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.4 was 'yes' in relation to any of the notifying parties, please indicate whether during the period in which the undertaking in question was ailing, it received any foreign financial contributions that may have contributed to restore its long-term viability (including any temporary liquidity assistance designed to support that restoration of viability) or to keep that party afloat for the short time needed to work out a restructuring or liquidation plan.

Notifying party (ies) ☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.1.6. If the reply to any of the questions in sections 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.4 was 'yes' in relation to any of the notifying parties, indicate if there is a restructuring plan

capable of leading to the long-term viability of that party and if this restructuring plan includes a significant own contribution by the notifying party and provide details of that plan.

3.1.1.7. If the reply to any of the questions in points 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.4 was 'yes', please substantiate the answer, including references in the answer to the supporting evidence or documents that are to be provided in annexes (such documents may include, but are not limited to, the notifying party's latest profit and loss account statements with balance sheets, or court decision opening collective insolvency proceedings on the company or documents providing evidence that the criteria for being placed under insolvency proceedings at the request of creditors under national company law are met, etc.).

3.1.2. Has the notifying party been in receipt of a foreign financial contribution in the form of an unlimited guarantee for the debts or liabilities of the undertaking, namely without any limitation as to the amount or the duration of such guarantee (Article 5(1)(b)) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.3 Has the notifying party been in receipt of an export financing measure that is not in line with the OECD Arrangement on officially supported export credits (Article 5(1)(c)) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

☐ yes ☐ no

3.1.4. Has the notifying party been in receipt of a foreign financial contribution enabling an undertaking to submit an unduly advantageous tender on the basis of which the undertaking could be awarded the relevant contract (Article 5(1)(e)) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

☐ yes ☐ no

**3.2.** For each foreign financial contribution equal to or in excess of EUR 1 million granted to the notifying parties in the three years prior to the notification that may fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, the notifying party must provide the following information and provide supporting documents:

3.2.1. Form of the financial contribution (e.g. loan, tax exemption, capital injection, fiscal incentive, contributions in kind, etc.).

3.2.2. Third country granting the financial contribution. Specify also the granting public authority or entity.

3.2.3. Amount of each financial contribution.

3.2.4. Purpose and economic rationale for granting the financial contribution to the party

3.2.5. Whether there are any conditions attached to the financial contributions as well as its use.

3.2.6. Describe the main elements and characteristics of those financial contributions (e.g. interest rates and duration in the case of a loan).

3.2.7. Explain whether the financial contribution confers a benefit within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 to the undertaking to which the foreign financial contribution has been granted. Please explain why, with reference to the supporting documents provided under Section 6 (below).

3.2.8. Explain whether the financial contribution is limited in law or in fact, within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560, to certain undertakings or industries. Please explain why, with reference to the supporting documents provided under Section 6 (below).

3.2.9. Explain if the financial contribution is granted only for operating costs exclusively linked with the public procurement at stake.

**3.3** Having regard to foreign financial contributions not falling within the categories set out in Section 3.1 above, notifying parties are required to provide an overview of the foreign financial contributions equal to or in excess of EUR 1 million granted to the notifying parties in the three years prior to the notification that do not fall into any of the categories of Article

5(1), points (a) to (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560. In that regard, notifying parties are required to complete Table 1 below. Notifying parties should follow the instructions provided at Section 8 (Annex II) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1441.

### **Table 1**

Information to be included in Table 1 below by notifying parties.

- (i) Group the different financial contributions per third country and per type, such as direct grant, loan/financing instrument/repayable advances, tax advantage, guarantee, risk capital instrument, equity intervention, debt write-off, contributions provided for the non-economic activities of an undertaking (see recital 16 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560), or other.
- (ii) Include only those countries where the estimated aggregate amount of all financial contributions per country granted in the three years prior to the notification (calculated according to point (iv) below is EUR 4 million or more.
- (iii) For each type of financial contribution, provide a brief description of the purpose of the financial contributions and the granting entities.
- (iv) Quantify the estimated aggregate amount of financial contributions granted by each third country in the three years prior to the notification in the form of ranges, as specified in the notes to the Table below. For the calculation of this amount, the following considerations are relevant:
  - (a) Take into account foreign financial contributions falling into the categories of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 and on which information has been provided under Sections 3.1 and 3.2 (above) and;
  - (b) do not take into account foreign financial contributions excluded according to points (v) and (vi) below
- (v) Notifying Parties do not need to include (in the Table below) a description of the following foreign financial contributions:
  - (a) Deferrals of payment of taxes and/or of social security contributions, tax amnesties and tax holidays as well as normal depreciation and loss-carry forward rules that are

of general application. If these measures are limited, for example, to certain sectors, regions or (types of) undertakings, they have to be included.

(b) Application of tax reliefs for avoidance of double taxation in line with the provisions of bilateral or multilateral agreements for avoidance of double taxation as well as unilateral tax reliefs for avoidance of double taxation applied under national tax legislation to the extent they follow the same logic as the provisions of bilateral or multilateral agreements.

(c) Provision/purchase of goods/services (except financial services) at market terms in the ordinary course of business, for example the provision/purchase of goods or services carried out following a competitive, transparent and non-discriminatory tender procedure.

(d) Foreign financial contributions below the individual amount of EUR 1 million.

(vi) The foreign financial contributions that may be relevant for the assessment of each public procurement may depend on a number of factors such as the sectors or activities involved, the type of financial contributions or other specificities of the case. In light of these specificities, the Commission may request additional information where it considers such information necessary for its assessment.

| <b>Third Country</b> | <b>Type of Financial Contribution (FC)*</b> | <b>Brief Description of the purpose of the FC and the granting entity**</b> | <b>Total Estimated value of the FC granted***</b> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Country A            |                                             |                                                                             |                                                   |
| Country B            |                                             |                                                                             |                                                   |
| Country C            |                                             |                                                                             |                                                   |
| Country D            |                                             |                                                                             |                                                   |

Note: please provide a separate table for each of the notifying parties. Third countries and, where possible, types of contributions, should be ordered by total amount of foreign financial contribution, from the highest to the lowest.

\* Identify the financial contributions grouping them by type: such as direct grant, loan/financing instrument/repayable advances, tax advantage, guarantee, risk capital instrument, equity intervention, debt write-off, contributions provided for the non-economic activities of an undertaking (see recital 16 of Regulation 2022/2560), or other.

\*\* General description of the purpose of the financial contributions included in each type and of the granting entity (ies). For instance, 'tax exemption for the production of product A and R & D activities', 'several loans with State-owned banks for purpose X', 'several financing measures with State investment agencies to cover operating expenses/for R & D activities', 'public capital injection in Company X'.

\*\*\* Use the following ranges: 'EUR 45-100 million', 'EUR > 100-500 million', 'EUR > 500-1 000 million', 'more than EUR 1 000 million'

#### **4. Justification for absence of undue advantageous tender – (Section 4 of Form FS-PP)**

4.1 For any of the foreign financial contributions enabling an undertaking to submit an undue advantageous tender on the basis of which the undertaking could be awarded the relevant contract (Article 5(1)(e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560), are there any elements which can be adduced to demonstrate that the tender is not undue advantageous directly or indirectly due to the financial contribution(s) received, including the elements referred to in Article 69(2) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

In that regard, notifying parties should detail any elements that in their view may demonstrate that their tender is not undue advantageous.

4.2 The elements may in particular refer to:

4.2.1. The economics of the manufacturing process, of the services provided or of the construction method;

- 4.2.2. The technical solutions chosen or any exceptionally favourable conditions available to the tenderer for the supply of the products or services or for the execution of the work;
- 4.2.3. The originality of the work, supplies or services proposed by the tenderer;
- 4.2.4. Compliance with applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law;
- 4.2.5. Compliance with obligations regarding subcontracting.

## **5. Possible Positive Effects - ( Section 5 of Form FS-PP)**

5.1 If applicable, notifying parties should list and substantiate any possible positive effects on the development of the relevant subsidised economic activity on the internal market. Notifying parties should also list and substantiate any other positive effects of the foreign subsidies, such as broader positive effects in relation to the relevant policy objectives, in particular those of the Union, and specify when and where those effects have or are expected to take place. Notifying parties should provide a description of each of those positive effects.

## **6. Supporting Documentation – (Section 6 of Form FS-PP)**

Notifying parties are required to provide the following for each notifying party:

- 6.1. Copies of all the supporting official documents relating to the financial contributions that may fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 pursuant to Section 3.1.
- 6.2. Copies of the following documents prepared by or for or received by any member of the board of management, the board of directors or the supervisory board:

Analyses, reports, studies surveys, presentations and any comparable documents discussing the purpose, use and economic rationale of the foreign financial contributions that may fall into any of the categories of Article 5(1), points (a) to (c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560.

Provide the same documents prepared by or for or received by the entity granting the foreign financial contribution to the extent that they are in your possession or that they are publicly available.

- 6.3. An indication of the internet address, if any, at which the most recent annual accounts or reports of the notifying party(ies) are available, or if no such internet address exists, copies of the most recent annual accounts and reports.
- 6.4. Where the notifying party(ies) provide(s) justifications of the absence of an undue advantage of the tender by filling in Section 4 of this form, they also need to provide documentation for the period covering the three years preceding the notification, substantiating the adduced elements. Such documentation may include, inter alia, as relevant: (a) tax declarations for the period under review, including copies of company tax returns and VAT returns, (b) business plans and market research underlying the decision to participate in the public procurement procedure.

## **7. Attestation (Section 8 of Form FS-PP)**

The notifying party(ies) confirm(s) that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information given in this declaration is true, correct, and complete, that true and complete copies of documents required by this Form FS-PP have been supplied, that all estimates are identified as such and are their best estimates of the underlying facts, and that all the opinions expressed are sincere.

The notifying party(ies) confirm that they are aware of the provisions of Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 concerning fines and periodic penalty payments.

Date:

**[Signatory 1]**

**[Signatory 2]**

Name:

Name:

Organisation:

Organisation:

Position:

Position:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

Signed:

Signed:

#### Appendix 4: Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Tenderer

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Re: Request for Tenders for the Provision of an Official Passenger and Cargo Ferry Transportation Service from Portmagee, Co. Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry

**NAME:** [Click here and insert name]

**ADDRESS:** [Click here and insert address]

I, [Click here and insert name of Declarant], of [Click here and insert name of entity] do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am a [insert role of Declarant] of [Click here and insert name of entity] and am authorized by [Click here and insert name of entity] to make this declaration which relates to a tender (“the Tender”) submitted by [Click here and insert name of entity] in response to an RFT dated titled [insert description of competition] published by [insert name of contracting authority] (“the Contracting Authority”).
2. Neither [Click here and insert name of entity] nor any person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of [Click here and insert name of entity] nor any person who has powers of representation, decision or control in [Click here and insert name of entity] has:
  - a. ever been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA.
  - b. ever been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA as well as corruption as defined in the national law of the Contracting Authority or the law of the state in [Click here and insert name of entity] is established.
  - c. ever been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities’ financial interests.

- d. ever been the subject of a conviction for terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA respectively, or for inciting or aiding or abetting or attempting to commit an offence, as referred to in Article 4 of that Framework Decision.
- e. ever been the subject of a conviction for money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- f. ever been the subject of a conviction for child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.

3. [Click here and insert name of entity]:

- a. is not in breach and has not breached its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions.
- b. has carried out the preparation of the Tender independently.

4. [Click here and insert name of entity]:

- a. has, in the performance of all public contracts, complied with applicable obligations in the field of environmental social and labour law that apply at the place where the works are carried out or the services provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements or by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016).
- b. is not bankrupt or the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, its assets are not being administered by a liquidator or by the court, it is not in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are not suspended nor is it in

any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations.

- c. is not guilty of grave professional misconduct.
  - d. has not entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition.
  - e. is not aware of any conflict of interest due to its participation in the Competition;
  - f. has not had any prior involvement in the preparation of the Competition;
  - g. has not shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions.
  - h. is not guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the Selection Criteria for this Competition and did not withhold such information and did not fail or is not able to submit supporting documents in respect of this Competition as required under Regulation 59 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) .
  - i. has not undertaken to unduly influence the decision-making process of the Contracting Authority in respect of the Competition, or obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in respect of the Competition; or negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award.
5. [Click here and insert name of entity] does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same);
6. The origin of goods connected to the Tender, if any, are not subject to the prohibitions set out in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same);

7. Any subcontractor, supplier or other entity on whose capacity [Click here and insert name of entity] relies as part of the Tender does not come within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

I understand and acknowledge that the provision of inaccurate or misleading information in this declaration may lead to my business/firm/company/partnership being excluded from participation in this or future tenders, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938. This declaration is made for the benefit of the Contracting Authority.

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**Signature of Declarant**

Declared before me by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me

(or who is identified to me by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me) or\*

at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

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(signed)

**Practising Solicitor/Commissioner for Oaths**

***\*Please include such other form of identification used to identify the Declarant as permitted by the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938 (as amended)***

## Appendix 5: Services Contract

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The Office of Public Works

and

[Insert successful Tenderer's full legal name]

### **AGREEMENT**

Relating to the provision of Services pursuant to

Request for Tenders for the provision of an Official Passenger and Cargo Ferry Transportation Service from Portmagee, Co. Kerry to Sceilg Mhichíl, Co. Kerry

**THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE ON THE [DATE E.G. 2ND] DAY OF [MONTH] 20[YEAR] BETWEEN:**

The Office of Public Works, of [address] (“the Client”);

and

[Contractor's full legal name], of [address] (“the Contractor”)

(each a “Party” and together “the Parties”).

**WHEREAS:**

- A. By Request for Tender entitled “Insert title of RFT” advertised in the supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union, OJEU Notice Number \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ dated insert date of RFT (“the RFT”) the Contracting Authority invited tenders from economic operators (“Tenderers”) for the provision of the services described in Appendix 1 to the RFT (the “Services”). References to the RFT shall include any clarifications issued by the Contracting Authority via the messaging facility on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) between [insert date] and [insert date] (the “RFT Clarifications”). The RFT (including the RFT Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- B. The Contractor submitted a response to the RFT dated [insert date of Tender] (“the Submission”). References to the Submission shall include any clarifications issued by the Contractor in writing to the Contracting Authority between [insert date] and [insert date] (the “Submission Clarifications”). The Submission (including the Submission Clarifications) is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. This Agreement consists of the following documents, and in the case of conflict of wording, in the following order of priority:
  - i. This Agreement and Schedules A to E attached hereto;
  - ii. The RFT;

- iii. The Submission, i.e. the TRD and all associated documentation.
2. The Contractor agrees to provide the Services described in Schedule B (“the Services”) to the Client in accordance with this Agreement (“Agreement”). Schedule B details the nature, quality, time of delivery, key personnel and functional specifications of the Services in accordance with the RFT and the Submission (“the Specification”).
  3. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Client agrees to pay to the Contractor the charges as stipulated in Schedule C (“the Charges”). The Charges are exclusive of VAT which shall be due at the rate applicable on the date of the VAT invoice.
  4. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Client’s Contact is [name of contact person] of [address of contact person]; the Contractor’s Contact is [Contractor contact name] of [Contractor contact address].
  5. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of this Agreement (“the Effective Date”) and shall expire on [Insert date], unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or otherwise lawfully terminated or otherwise lawfully extended as agreed between the Parties (“the Term”).

*Not used:*

The Client reserves the right to extend the Term for a period or periods of up to [Insert Number] months with a maximum of [Insert Number] such extensions permitted subject to its obligations at law

6. Unless otherwise specified herein, a defined term used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the RFT.
7. Headings are included for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.
8. Unless the context requires otherwise, words in the singular may include the plural and vice versa.



### 1. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

- A. The Contractor undertakes to act with due care, skill and diligence in the provision of the Services and generally in the carrying out of its obligations under this Agreement and in the appointment, monitoring and retention of its agents and Subcontractors. The Contractor shall require its agents and Subcontractors to exercise due care, skill and diligence in the provision of the Services and generally in the carrying out of obligations allocated by the Contractor to its agents and Subcontractors under this Agreement.
- B. In consideration of the payment of the Charges and subject to clause 3 the Contractor shall:
1. provide the Services in accordance with the Specification, the RFT, the Client's directions and the terms of this Agreement;
  2. comply with and implement any policies, guidelines and/or any project governance protocols issued by the Client from time to time and notified to the Contractor in writing;
  3. comply with all local security and health and safety arrangements as notified to it by the Client; and
  4. provide the Services in accordance with good industry practice and comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to all obligations in the field of environmental, social and labour law that apply at the place where the Services are provided, that have been established by EU law, national law, collective agreements and by international, environmental, social and labour law listed in Schedule 7 of the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016 (Statutory Instrument 284 of 2016) (the "Regulations"). The Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all statutory requirements of an employer and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing shall be solely responsible in law for the

employment, remuneration, taxes, immigration and work permits of all personnel retained for the purposes of complying with this Agreement.

- C. The Contractor is deemed to be the prime contractor under this Agreement and the Contractor assumes full responsibility for the discharge of all obligations under this Agreement and shall assume all the duties, responsibilities and obligations associated with the position of prime contractor. The Contractor as prime contractor under the Submission hereby assumes liability for its Subcontractors and shall ensure that its Subcontractors shall comply in all respects with the relevant terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to clause 1B(4) above, to the extent that it or they are retained by the Contractor. Subject to clause 14, the Contractor shall notify the Client as soon as possible of any changes to the name, contact details and legal representatives of its Subcontractors.
- D. Without prejudice to clause 1C, where the Client becomes aware that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to any Subcontractor, the Client reserves the right to require the Contractor to immediately replace such Subcontractor and the Contractor shall comply with such requirement. The Contractor shall include in every sub-contract a right for the Contractor to terminate the sub-contract where any of the exclusion grounds apply to the Subcontractor and a requirement that the Subcontractor, in turn, includes a provision having the same effect in any sub-contract which it awards.
- E. During this Agreement the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and not the employee of the Client. Neither Party shall have any authority to bind or commit the other. Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to create a joint venture, partnership, and/or fiduciary or other relationship between the Parties for any purpose. The officers, employees or agents of the Contractor are not and shall not hold themselves out to be (and shall not be held out by the Contractor as being) servants or agents of the Client for any purposes whatsoever.
- F. The Client acknowledges that the Contractor may from time to time be dependent on the Client to facilitate the Contractor in the carrying out of its duties under this Agreement. The Client agrees to use its reasonable endeavours to so facilitate the

Contractor within the timescales and in the manner agreed by it in writing in accordance with clause 10.

- G. The Contractor agrees that any information relating to this Agreement and / or the performance of this Agreement may be passed by the Client to the Office of Government Procurement (“OGP”) and that the OGP may use this information in the analysis and reporting of spend data including the preparation and publishing of reports.
- H. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable obligations arising pursuant to the European Communities (Protection of Employees’ Rights on Transfer of Undertakings) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 131 of 2003) and Council Directive 2001/23/EC (together the “TUPE Regulations”) and failure to so comply shall constitute a serious breach of this Agreement. The Contractor shall indemnify, save harmless and keep the Client indemnified from and against any claim arising or loss or costs incurred as a result of its failure or incapacity to fulfil its obligation under the said TUPE Regulations.
- I. In the case of public procurement procedures which are subject to an IPI measure within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2022/1031, the Contractor shall comply with the following obligations:
  - i. not to subcontract more than 50% of the total value of the contract to economic operators originating in a third country which is subject to an IPI measure;
  - ii. for contracts whose subject matter covers the supply of goods, to ensure for the duration of the contract that goods or services supplied or provided in the execution of the contract and originating in the third country which is subject to the IPI measure represent no more than 50% of the total value of the contract, irrespective of whether such goods or services are supplied or provided directly by the successful tenderer or by a subcontractor;
  - iii. to provide to the Client, upon request, adequate evidence corresponding to point (i) or (ii) above;

- iv. to pay a proportionate charge, in the event of non-observance of the obligations referred to at point (i) or (ii) above, of between 10% and 30% of the total value of the contract.

## **2. KEY PERSONNEL**

The Contractor undertakes and acknowledges that it is responsible for ensuring that all key personnel as specified in the Submission ("Key Personnel"), assigned by it to provide the Services shall be available for the Term of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that the Key Personnel are essential to the proper provision of the Services to the Client. In the event that any of the Key Personnel assigned by the Contractor to provide the Services under this Agreement becomes unable to provide the Services for whatever reason then, the Contractor acknowledges and undertakes that it shall immediately notify the Client in writing of the inability of any Key Personnel and replace that person with a person of equivalent experience and expertise ("Replacement Personnel"). The Contractor shall provide to the Client such details as the Client may reasonably require in writing regarding any Replacement Personnel. The Client shall have absolute discretion as to the suitability of any proposed Replacement Personnel.

## **3. PAYMENT**

- A. Subject to the provisions of this clause 3 the Client shall pay and discharge the Charges (plus any applicable VAT), in the manner specified at Schedule C. Invoicing arrangements shall be on such terms as may be agreed between the Parties.
- B. Discharge of the Charges is subject to:
  - 1. Compliance by the Contractor with the provisions of this Agreement including but not limited to any milestones, compliance schedules and/or operational protocols in place pursuant to clause 10A from time to time;
  - 2. The furnishing by the Contractor of a valid invoice and such supporting documentation as may be required by the Client from time to time. Any Contractor pre-printed terms and conditions are hereby disallowed;
  - 3. Invoices being submitted to the Client's Contact (as set out in this Agreement or such other alternative contact as may be agreed between the Parties). All

and any queries relating to the invoice and/or the Services for any billing period (including whether or not Services have been accepted, rejected, satisfactorily re-performed or as the case may be) must be raised by the Client's Contact within 14 calendar days of receipt of invoice. In circumstances where no queries are raised within the said 14 day period the invoice shall be deemed accepted. Upon resolution of any queries on the invoice to the satisfaction of the Client or upon such deemed acceptance the invoice shall be payable by the Client. Payment is subject to any rights reserved by the Client under any other provision of this Agreement; and

4. The Client being in possession of the Contractor's current Tax Clearance Certificate. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable EU and domestic taxation law and requirements.
- C. The European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2012 shall apply to all payments. Incorrect invoices will be returned for correction with consequential effects on the due date of payment.
- D. Wherever under this Agreement any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Contractor (including any sum which the Contractor is liable to pay to the Client in respect of any breach of this Agreement), the Parties may agree to deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Contractor under the Agreement or under any other agreement or contract with the Client. Any overpayment by either Party, whether of the Charges or of VAT or otherwise, shall be a sum of money recoverable by the Party who made the overpayment from the Party in receipt of the overpayment.
- E. The Charges shall include any and all costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor, its employees, servants and agents in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- F. The Charges shall be discharged as provided for in this clause subject to the retention by the Client in accordance with section 523 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 of any Professional Services Withholding Tax payable to the Contractor.

Any and all taxes applicable to the provision of the Services will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

#### **4. WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS**

- A. The Contractor acknowledges, warrants, represents and undertakes that:
1. it has the authority and right under law to enter into, and to carry out its obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement and to provide the Services hereunder;
  2. it is entering into this Agreement with a full understanding of its material terms and risks and is capable of assuming those risks;
  3. it is entering into this Agreement with a full understanding of its obligations with regard to taxation, employment, social and environmental protection and is capable of assuming and fulfilling those obligations;
  4. it has acquainted itself with and shall comply with all legal requirements or such other laws, recommendations, guidance or practices as may affect the provision of the Services as they apply to the Contractor;
  5. it has taken all and any action necessary to ensure that it has the power to execute and enter into this Agreement;
  6. the status of the Contractor, as declared in the “Declaration as to Personal Circumstances of Tenderer” dated [insert date] , which confirms that none of the excluding circumstances listed in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor, remains unchanged;
  7. it owns, has obtained or is able to obtain, valid licences for all Intellectual Property Rights (as defined in clause 6 below) that are necessary for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and for the Client to obtain the benefit of the Services for its business purposes;

8. *Not used* it has inspected the Client's premises, lands and facilities before submitting its Submission and has made appropriate enquiries so as to be satisfied in relation to all matters connected with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
  9. it retains and shall maintain for the Term insurances for the nature and amount specified in the RFT. The Contractor undertakes to advise the Client forthwith of any material change to its insured status, to produce proof of current premiums paid upon written request and where required produce valid certificates of insurance for inspection. The Contractor shall carry out all directions of the Client with regard to compliance with this clause 4A.9; and
  10. the Client shall be under no obligation to purchase any minimum number or value of Services.
- B. The Contractor undertakes to notify the Client forthwith of any material change to the status of the Contractor with regard to the warranties, acknowledgements, representations and undertakings as set out at clause 4A and to comply with all reasonable directions of the Client with regard thereto which may include termination of this Agreement.

## 5. REMEDIES

- The Contractor shall be liable for and shall indemnify the Client for and in respect
- A. of all and any losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses which the Client may suffer due to and arising directly as a result of the negligence, act or omission, breach of contract, breach of duty, insolvency, recklessness, bad faith, wilful default or fraud of the Contractor, its employees, Subcontractors or agents or any of them or as a result of the Contractor's failure to exercise skill, care and diligence as outlined in clause 1. The terms of this clause 5A shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason.
  - B. Save in respect of fraud (including fraudulent misrepresentation), personal injury or death or in respect of the Contractor's indemnity under clause 6(G), neither Party

will be liable for any indirect losses (including loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of goodwill, indirectly arising damages, costs and expenses) of any kind whatsoever and howsoever arising even if such Party has been advised of their possibility.

- C. Should the Client find itself obliged to order elsewhere in consequence of the failure of the Contractor to deliver Services, the Client shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor any excess prices which may be paid by the Client.
- D. Except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement, all remedies available to either Party for breach of this Agreement are cumulative and may be exercised concurrently or separately, and the exercise of any one remedy shall not be deemed an election of such remedy to the exclusion of other remedies.
- E. Not used.
- F. If for any reason the Client is dissatisfied with the performance of the Contractor, a sum may be withheld from any payment otherwise due calculated as follows:  
  
€4,000 ("the Retention Amount") which Retention Amount shall not at any given time exceed 10 per cent of the Charges. In such event the Client shall identify the particular Services with which it is dissatisfied together with the reasons for such dissatisfaction. Payment of the Retention Amount will be made upon replacement and/or remedy of the said Services as identified by the Client or resolution of outstanding queries. The Client shall hold the Retention Amount on behalf of the Contractor but without any obligation to invest. The terms of this clause 5F shall be without prejudice to and not be in substitution for any remedy of the Client under this Agreement.
- G. Time of delivery shall be of the essence and if the Contractor fails to deliver the Services within the time period promised or specified in the Specification, the Client may by notice in writing to the Contractor's Contact release itself from any obligation to accept and pay for the Services and / or terminate this Agreement in either case without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the Client.

- H. Without prejudice to any general right to damages under this Agreement where the Contractor does not provide the Services within delivery dates or lead times in accordance with this Agreement, the Client may, at his discretion, deduct €500 per week, or part thereof, for each week of late delivery as liquidated damages up to a maximum amount of €8,000 (the “Liquidated Damages Threshold”).

Where the Liquidated Damages Threshold is met or exceeded (being that delivery continues not to be performed after the Liquidated Damages Threshold is met), the Client shall be entitled to:

1. claim any remedy available to it (whether under this Agreement or otherwise) for loss or damage incurred or suffered by it after the end of the Liquidated Damages Period; and
2. without prejudice to sub-clause (1), the Client shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement with immediate effect by giving notice in writing to the Contractor

## 6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- A. Intellectual Property Rights (“IPR”) means all patents and patent rights, trademarks and trademark rights, trade names and trade name rights, service marks and service mark rights, service names and service name rights, brand names, copyrights and copyright rights, trade dress, business and product names, logos, slogans, trade secrets, industrial models, utility models, design models, designs, rights in confidential information, know-how, rights in the nature of unfair competition rights and rights to sue for passing off, and all pending applications for and registrations of patents, trademarks, service marks, and copyrights together with all connected and similar or analogous rights in any country or jurisdiction for the full term thereof.
- B. Pre-existing IPR means all IPR existing prior to the date of this Agreement and all IPR in any materials, acquired or developed by or for Contractor or Client independently of this Agreement, and any IPR in Contractor’s standard hardware and software products or modifications or updates to such products.

- C. All IPR title and interest in all reports, data manuals and/or other materials (other than software) (including without limitation all and any audio or audio visual recordings, transcripts, books, papers, records, notes, illustrations, photographs, diagrams) produced for the purposes of this Agreement (collectively “the Materials”) (or any part or parts thereof) shall vest in the Client and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms. For the avoidance of doubt the Contractor hereby assigns all Intellectual Property Rights, title and interest in the Materials (including by way of present assignment of future copyright) to the extent that any such Intellectual Property Rights title or interest may be deemed by law to reside in it in the Materials to the Client absolutely.
- D. The Client grants to the Contractor a royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use the Client’s Pre-existing IPR for the Term to the extent necessary to enable the Contractor to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement. Save as expressly set out in this clause 6 all Pre-Existing IPR shall remain the sole property of the party who owned, acquired or developed such intellectual property.
- E. The Contractor shall waive or procure a waiver of any moral rights subsisting in copyright produced under or in performance of this Agreement.
- F. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit or be deemed to prohibit the Contractor from providing services similar to the Services to any party other than the Parties hereto. In no event shall the Contractor be precluded from independently developing for itself, or for others, materials which are competitive with, or similar to, the Services and to use its general knowledge, skills and experience, and any ideas, concepts, know-how, formats, templates, methodologies and techniques that are acquired or used in the course of providing the Services.
- G. The Contractor shall ensure that all and any necessary consents and/or licences for any software, instrument, modality or methodology are obtained and in place before use for the purposes of this Agreement (to include but not be limited to ensuring that the Client shall be vested with all necessary rights so as to enable the Client to enjoy the benefit of the Services for its business purposes). The Contractor hereby indemnifies the Client and shall keep and hold the Client harmless from and

in respect of all and any losses (whether direct, indirect or consequential) liability, damages, claims, costs or expenses which arise by reason of any breach of third party Intellectual Property Rights in so far as any such rights are used for the purposes of this Agreement.

At the request of the Client for and in respect of any such breach, the Contractor shall at its expense and option:

- (i) procure the necessary rights for the Client to continue use;
- (ii) replace the relevant deliverable with a non-infringing equivalent;
- (iii) replace the relevant deliverable to make it non-infringing while giving equivalent performance; or
- (iv) if the Contractor cannot obtain the remedies in (i), (ii) or (iii) above, it may direct the return of the deliverable and refund to the Client Charges paid for such deliverable less a reasonable amount for the Client's use of the deliverable up to the time of return, provided such reasonable amount is due to the owner of the said deliverable, TOGETHER with all losses (whether direct, indirect or consequential) thereby accruing to the Client as a result of the breach.

- H. Upon the termination of this Agreement for whatever reason, the Contractor shall immediately deliver up to the Client all the Materials prepared up to the date of termination. The provisions of this clause 6 will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

## **7. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- A. Each of the Parties to this Agreement agrees to hold confidential all information, documentation and other material received, provided or obtained arising from their participation in this Agreement ("Confidential Information") and shall not disclose same to any third party except to:-
- 1. its professional advisers subject to the provisions of this clause 7; or
  - 2. as may be required by law; or

3. as may be necessary to give effect to the terms of this Agreement subject to the provisions of this clause 7; or
4. in the case of the Client by request of any person or body or authority whose request the Client or persons associated with the Client (including but not limited to the Legislature and/or the Executive and/or the Civil Service) considers it necessary or appropriate to so comply.

B. The Contractor undertakes to comply with all reasonable directions of the Client with regard to the use and application of all and any of its Confidential Information and shall comply with the confidentiality agreement as exhibited at Appendix 6 to the RFT ("the Confidentiality Agreement").

The obligations in this clause 7 will not apply to any Confidential Information:

1. in the receiving Party's possession (with full right to disclose) before receiving it from the other Party; or
2. which is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause; or
3. is independently developed by the disclosing Party without access to or use of the Confidential Information; or
4. is lawfully received by the disclosing Party from a third party (with full right to disclose).

C. The Contractor acknowledges that the security of the State and its information is of paramount importance to the Client. Accordingly the Contractor confirms that it will, if requested by the Client, from time to time, submit full personal details (including those of Subcontractors) who are assigned to provide the Services (or any part thereof) under this Agreement. The Contractor further acknowledges that checks may be carried out in relation to all such personnel by police authorities and the Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client arising therefrom.

D. In circumstances where the Client is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 or the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, then in the event of the Client receiving a

request for information related to this Agreement, the Client shall consult with the Contractor in respect of the request. The Contractor shall identify any information that is not to be disclosed on grounds of confidentiality or commercial sensitivity, and shall state the reasons for this sensitivity. The Client will consult the Contractor about this confidential or commercially sensitive information before making a decision on any request received under the above legislation. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such obligations.

- E. The terms of this clause 7 shall survive expiry, completion or termination for whatever reason of this Agreement.

## **8. FORCE MAJEURE**

- A. A 'Force Majeure Event' means an event or circumstance or combination of events and/or circumstances not within the reasonable control of the Affected Party (as defined in clause 8B below) which has the effect of delaying or preventing that Party from complying with its obligations under this Agreement including but not limited to acts of God, war, out-break of disease, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, rebellion, acts of terrorism, government regulations, embargoes, explosions, fires, floods, tempests, or failures of supply of electrical power, or public telecommunications equipment or lines, excluding industrial action of whatever nature or cause (strikes, lockouts and similar) occurring at the Contractor (or Subcontractor or agent) places of business.
- B. In the event of any failure, interruption or delay in the performance of either Party's obligations (or of any of them) resulting from any Force Majeure Event, that Party ("the Affected Party") shall promptly notify the other Party in writing specifying:
  - 1. the nature of the Force Majeure Event;
  - 2. the anticipated delay in the performance of obligations;

3. the action proposed to minimise the impact of the Force Majeure Event;  
and the Affected Party shall not be liable or have any responsibility of any kind for any loss or damage thereby incurred or suffered by the other Party, provided always that the Affected Party shall use all reasonable efforts to minimise the effects of the same and shall resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably possible after the removal of the cause.
- C. If the Force Majeure Event continues for 30 calendar days either Party may terminate at 14 days' notice.
- D. In circumstances where the Contractor is the Affected Party, the Client shall be relieved from any obligation to make payments under this Agreement save to the extent that payments are properly due and payable for obligations actually fulfilled by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## 9. TERMINATION

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by the Client, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving 30 days written notice to the Contractor. This Agreement may be terminated by the Contractor, without liability for compensation or damages, by serving 30 days written notice to the Client.
- B. Either Party shall have the right (in addition to its rights under clause 9(a) and any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages on the happening of any of the following:
  1. if the other Party commits any serious breach or a series of breaches of any provision of this Agreement and fails to remedy such breach(es) (if the breach(es) are capable of remedy) within 30 days after receipt of a request in writing from the other Party;
  2. if the other Party becomes insolvent, becomes bankrupt, enters into examinership, is wound up, commences winding up, has a receiving order made against it, makes any arrangement with its creditors generally or takes

or suffers any similar action as a result of debt, or an event having an equivalent effect;

3. in circumstances where the Client becomes aware of any conflict of interest on the part of the Contractor which cannot, in the opinion of the Client, be removed by other means; and
4. in circumstances where the Client becomes aware of any registrable interest on the part of the Contractor.

C. The Client shall have the right, in addition to any other rights which it has at law, to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages in circumstances where the Client becomes aware:

- i) that any of the exclusion grounds set out in Regulation 57 of the Regulations apply to the Contractor;
- ii) that the Contractor (on its own or resulting from its sub-contractors, suppliers or entities on which it relies) comes within the category of prohibited economic operators identified in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same).

D. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect any antecedent and accrued rights, obligations or liabilities of either Party, nor shall it affect any provision of this Agreement which is expressly or by implication intended to come into or continue in force on or after such termination.

E. If requested by the Client, the Contractor shall promptly furnish such anonymised information relating to the terms and conditions of the employment of all persons providing the Services as may be required by the Client ("Employment Information"). The Contractor agrees that the Client may release the Employment Information to third parties for the purposes of any procurement competition for

the provision of the Services upon expiry of the Term or earlier termination of this Agreement for whatever cause.

## 10. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- A. The Client's Contact and the Contractor's Contact shall liaise on a regular basis to address any issues arising which may impact on the performance of this Agreement and to agree milestones, compliance schedules and operational protocols as required by the Client from time to time. If requested in writing by the Client the Contractor shall meet formally with the Client to report on progress and shall comply with all written directions of the Client.
- B. The Contractor agrees to:
  - 1. liaise with and keep the Client's Contact fully informed of any matter which might affect the observance and performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement;
  - 2. maintain such records and comply with such reporting arrangements and protocols as required by the Client from time to time;
  - 3. comply with all reasonable directions of the Client; and
  - 4. comply with the service levels and performance indicators set out in Schedule D.
- C. The Client or its authorised representative may inspect the Contractor's premises, lands and facilities (or such part or parts thereof relating solely to this Agreement) with due access to relevant personnel and records upon reasonable notice in writing to ensure compliance with the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client thereby arising. The cost of inspection shall be borne by the Client.

## 11. DISPUTES

- A. In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement (the "Dispute"), the Parties shall first seek settlement of the Dispute as set out below.

- B. The Dispute shall be referred as soon as practicable to [insert Contractor contact] within the Contractor and to [insert Client contact] within the Client respectively.
- C. If the Dispute has not been resolved within fifteen (15) Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties) of being referred to the nominated representatives, then either Party may refer the Dispute to an independent mediator, the identity of whom shall be agreed in advance by the Parties.
- D. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator or if the mediator agreed upon is unable or unwilling to act, either Party may within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the proposal to appoint a mediator or within twenty-one (21) days of notice to either Party that the mediator is unable to act, apply to the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Irish Branch to appoint a mediator.
- E. Any submissions made to and discussions involving the mediator, of whatever nature, shall be treated in strict confidence and without prejudice to the rights and/or liabilities of the Parties in any legal proceedings and, for the avoidance of doubt, are agreed to be without prejudice and legally privileged. The Parties shall make written submissions to the mediator within ten (10) Business Days of his/her appointment.
- F. The Parties shall share equally the cost of the mediator. The costs of all experts and any other third parties who, at the request of any Party, shall have been instructed in the mediation, shall be for the sole account of, and shall be discharged by that Party.
- G. For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement shall not cease, or be suspended or delayed by the reference of a dispute to mediation. The Contractor shall comply fully with the requirements of the Agreement at all times.

## **12. GOVERNING LAW, CHOICE OF JURISDICTION AND EXECUTION**

- A. This Agreement shall in all aspects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland and the Parties hereby agree that the courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement shall be executed in duplicate and each copy of the Agreement shall be signed by all the Parties hereto. Each of the Parties to this Agreement confirms that this Agreement is executed by their duly authorised officers.

### 13. NOTICES

- A. Any notice or other written communication to be given under this Agreement shall either be delivered personally or sent by registered post or email. The Parties will from time to time agree primary and alternative contact persons and details for the purposes of this clause 13.
- B. All notices shall be deemed to have been served as follows:
  - 1. if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;
  - 2. if posted by registered post, at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authorities (and not returned undelivered); and
  - 3. if communicated by email, on the next calendar day following transmission.

### 14. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACT

- A. Subject to a Party's obligations at law, any assignment to a third party or other transfer of a Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement (the "Assignment") requires the prior written consent of the other Party. Prior to any such Assignment, the assignee will be obliged to sign an undertaking to comply with all obligations under this Agreement. Any attempted Assignment not complied with in the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void.
- B. Subject to a Party's obligations at law, any sub-contract of a Party's rights or obligations under this Agreement requires the prior written consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempted

subcontract not complied with in the manner prescribed herein shall be null and void. For the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 (as amended by EU Regulation 2022/576 or any subsequent amendments to same), the Client may require information from the Contractor in relation to the status of the proposed subcontractor(s) including, but not limited to, in respect of natural persons, copies of identity documents and, in respect of legal persons, a certificate or extract from the commercial register or other competent authority of the country in which the person is established.

#### **15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties, and any and all other previous agreements, arrangements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of this Agreement (save where fraudulently made) are hereby excluded.

#### **16. SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision herein is found to be illegal or unenforceable for any reason, then such term or provision shall be deemed severed and all other terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **17. WAIVER**

No failure or delay by either Party to exercise any right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver of it, nor shall any partial exercise preclude further exercise of same or some other right, power or remedy.

#### **18. NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Client from purchasing services (or Services) from a third party at any time during the currency of the Agreement.

#### **19. MEDIA**

No media releases, public announcements or public disclosures relating to this Agreement or its subject matter, including but not limited to promotional or marketing material, shall be made by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Client.

## 20. CONFLICTS, REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND CORRUPT GIFTS

- A. The Contractor confirms that it has carried out a conflicts of interest check and is satisfied that neither it nor any Subcontractor nor agent as the case may be has any conflicts in relation to the Services and its obligations undertaken under this Agreement. The Contractor hereby undertakes to notify the Client immediately should any conflict or potential conflict of interest come to its attention during the currency of this Agreement and to comply with the Client's directions in respect thereof. In the event of such notification, the Client shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages.
- B. Any registrable interest involving the Contractor (and any Subcontractor or agent as the case may be) and the Client, the Ceann Comhairle (Speaker), or any member of the Government, or any member of the Oireachtas, or their relatives must be fully disclosed to the Client immediately upon such information becoming known to the Contractor (Subcontractor or agent as the case may be) and the Contractor shall comply with the Client's directions in respect thereof, to the satisfaction of the Client. In the event of such disclosure, the Client shall have the right (in addition to any other rights which it has at law) to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages. The terms "registrable interest" and "relative" shall be interpreted as per section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1995 (as amended) a copy of which is available on request.
- C. The Contractor shall not offer or agree to give any public servant or civil servant any gift or consideration or commission of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do or for having done or forborne to do any action in relation to the obtaining or execution of this or any other public contract. Any breach of this clause 20C or the commission of any offence by the Contractor, any Subcontractor, agent or employee under the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 shall entitle the Client to terminate this Agreement immediately and without liability for compensation or damages and to recover the amount of any

loss resulting from such cancellation, including but not limited to recovery from the Contractor of the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission.

## **21. ACCESS TO PREMISES**

- A. Any of the Client's premises made available from time to time to the Contractor by the Client in connection with this Agreement, shall be made available to the Contractor on a non-exclusive licence basis and shall be used by the Contractor solely for the purpose of performing its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall have use of such premises as licensee and shall vacate the same on completion, termination or abandonment of this Agreement.
- B. The Contractor shall upon reasonable notice by the Client allow the Client access to its premises (including the premises of any Subcontractor or agent) where the Services are being performed for the Client under this Agreement.

## **22. EQUIPMENT**

- A. The Contractor shall provide all equipment and materials necessary for the provision of the Services ("Equipment").
- B. All Equipment brought onto the Client's premises shall be at the Contractor's own risk and the Client shall have no liability for any loss of, caused by or damage to any Equipment. The Contractor shall provide for the haulage or carriage thereof to the Client's premises and the removal of Equipment when no longer required at its sole cost. Unless otherwise agreed, Equipment brought onto the premises will remain the property of the Contractor.
- C. The Contractor shall maintain and store all items of Equipment within the Client's premises in a safe, serviceable and clean condition.
- D. The Contractor shall, at the Client's written request, at its own expense and as soon as reasonably practicable:
  - i. remove from the Client's premises any Equipment which in the reasonable opinion of the Client is either hazardous, noxious or not in accordance with this Agreement; and

- ii. replace such item with a suitable substitute item of Equipment.
- E. On completion of the Services the Contractor shall remove the Equipment used by the Contractor to provide the Services and shall leave the Client's premises in a clean, safe and tidy condition. The Contractor is solely responsible for making good any damage to the Client's premises or any objects contained thereon, other than fair wear and tear, which is caused by the Contractor or any of its employees or Subcontractors.

## **23. NON SOLICITATION**

- A. For the Term and for a period of 12 months thereafter (and save in respect of publicly advertised posts) neither the Client nor the Contractor shall employ or offer employment to any of the other Party's employees without that other Party's prior written consent.

## **24. CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE**

- A. At any time during the Term of this Agreement, either Party may propose a change or changes to any part or parts of this Agreement.
- B. The change control procedures set out in this Schedule will apply to all changes irrespective of whether the Contractor or the Client proposes the change.
- C. A change control notice ("Change Control Notice") shall be prepared for all change requests. The Change Control Notice will provide an outline description of the change requested, the rationale for the change, the effect that the change will have on the Services (where known) and an estimate of the effort and cost required to prepare an impact assessment ("Impact Assessment").
- D. All Change Control Notices proposing changes to this Agreement must be submitted for review to the other Party's Contact.
- E. The Parties must indicate their acceptance or rejection of the change control request and/or Impact Assessment within a reasonable timeframe of its completion

and Tender Submission for review, subject to a maximum of twenty (20) calendar days or such other period agreed between the Parties.

- F. On approval of an Impact Assessment, this Agreement and/or the Schedules should be updated and revised as appropriate and in writing.
- G. In the event that either Party rejects the Impact Assessment, the change(s) shall not take place and the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement.
- H. The Contractor and the Client will agree a reasonable charge in advance for investigating each proposed variation and preparing each estimate, whether or not the variation is implemented. If the Client's request for any variation is subsequently withdrawn but results in a delay in the performance of the Services then the Contractor will not be liable for such delay and will be entitled to an extension of time equal to not less than the period of the delay.

## 25. DATA PROTECTION AND SECURITY

- A. In this Agreement the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

"Data" means all Confidential Information, whether in oral or written (including electronic) form, created by or in any way originating with the Client (including but not limited to his employees, agents, independent contractors and/or Sub-contractors) and all information that is the output of any computer processing, or other electronic manipulation of any information that was created by or in any way originating with the Client provided under this Agreement and includes any Personal Data;

"Data Controller" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

"Data Processor" has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

"Data Protection Laws" means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "General Data Protection Regulation"), and

any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland.

“Data Subject” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

“Data Subject Access Request” means a request made by a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted under the Data Protection Laws to access his or her Personal Data;

“Personal Data” has the meaning given under Data Protection Laws;

“Processing” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;

B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Laws.

C. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws, the Client is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor in respect of Data which is Personal Data. Schedule E sets out the scope, nature and purpose of Processing by the Contractor, the duration of the Processing and the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject.

D. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 25B, the Contractor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under this Agreement:-

(1) process that Personal Data only on the written instructions of the Client;

(2) ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures, reviewed and approved by the Client, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Personal Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Personal Data, appropriate to the harm that might result from the unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the data to be protected, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementing any measures (those measures may include, where appropriate, pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity,

availability and resilience of its systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the technical and organisational measures adopted by it);

(3) ensure that all personnel who have access to and/or process Personal Data are obliged to keep the Personal Data confidential;

(4) not transfer any Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area unless the prior written consent of the Client has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled;

i. appropriate safeguards are in place in relation to the transfer, to ensure that Personal Data is adequately protected in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation 2016/679 ( General Data Protection Regulation);

ii. the data subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

iii. The Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and

iv. The Contractor complies with reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Client with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;

E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Client if it receives a Data Subject Access Request to have access to any Personal Data or any other complaint, correspondence, notice, request any order of the Court or request of any regulatory or government body relating to the Client's obligations under the Data Protection Laws and provide full co-operation and assistance to the Client in relation to any such complaint, order or request (including, without limitation, by allowing Data Subjects to have access to their data).

- F. The Contractor shall without undue delay report in writing to the Client any data compromise involving Personal Data, or any circumstances that could have resulted in unauthorised access to or disclosure of Personal Data.
- G. The Contractor shall assist the Client in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws with respect to security, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities and regulators.
- H. The Contractor shall at the written direction of the Client, amend, delete or return Personal Data and copies thereof to the Client on termination of this Agreement unless the Contractor is required by the laws of any member of the European Union or by the laws of the European Union applicable to the Contractor to store the Personal Data.
- I. The Contractor shall permit the Client, the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland, and/ or their nominee to conduct audits and or inspections of the Contractor's facilities, and to have access to all data protection, confidentiality and security procedures, data equipment, mechanisms, documentation, databases, archives, data storage devices, electronic communications and storage systems used by the Contractor in any way for the provision of the Services. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Client arising out of any such inspection, audit or review.
- J. The Contractor shall fully comply with, and implement policies which are communicated or notified to the Contractor by the Client from time to time.
- K. The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause 25 and allow for inspections and contribute to any audits by the Client or the Client's designated auditor.
- L. The Contractor shall:-
  - (1) take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity of any Personal Data which it processes and to prevent any corruption or loss of such Personal Data;

(2) ensure that a back-up copy of any and all such Personal Data is made [insert frequency] and this copy is recorded on media from which the data can be reloaded if there is any corruption or loss of the data; and

(3) in such an event and if attributable to any default by the Contractor or any Sub-contractor, promptly restore the Personal Data at its own expense or, at the Client's option, reimburse the Client for any reasonable expenses it incurs in having the Personal Data restored by a third party.

M. The Client does not consent to the Contractor appointing any third party processor of Personal Data under this agreement

N. Save for clauses 25B, 25C, 25D(4) and 25E, all the obligations on the Contractor in this clause 25 relating to the processing of Personal Data shall apply to the processing of all Data.

O. The provisions of this clause 25 shall survive termination and or expiry of this Agreement for any reason.

## **26. ADDITIONAL CONDITION(S)**

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## Schedule B: Services: The Specification

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## Schedule C: Charges

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## Schedule D: Service Levels

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[Insert at RFT stage, if applicable, or when completing contract]

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## Appendix 6: Confidentiality Agreement

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THIS AGREEMENT is made on the [date] day of [month] 20 [year] BETWEEN:

The [insert name of Contracting Authority], of [insert address] (hereinafter “the Contracting Authority”) of the one part;  
and

[Contractor’s legal name: to be completed on signing.], of [address: to be completed on signing.] (hereinafter called “the Contractor”) of the other part.

### WHEREAS

- A. By Request for Tenders dated [insert date] entitled [insert title] (the “RFT”) the Contracting Authority invited tenders (“Tenders”) for the provision of the Goods/Services described in Appendix 1 to the RFT (the “Goods” “Services”) (“the Competition”). The Contractor submitted a response to the RFT dated the [insert date of Tender].

The Contractor has been identified as the preferred bidder in the Competition.

- B. For the purposes of the Competition and any subsequent contract awarded thereunder (if any) (“the Contract”), certain confidential information as defined at clause 2 of this Agreement, will be furnished to the Contractor. The Confidential Information is confidential to the Contracting Authority.

**NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED** in consideration of the sum of €2.00 (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Contractor) as follows:

1. The Contractor acknowledges that Confidential Information may be provided to them by the Contracting Authority and that each item of Confidential Information shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement "Confidential Information" means:
  - 2.1 unless specified in writing to the contrary by the Contracting Authority all and any information (whether in documentary form, oral, electronic, audio-visual, audio-recorded or otherwise including any copy or copies thereof and whether scientific, commercial, financial, technical, operational or otherwise) relating to the

Contracting Authority, the supply of Goods/Services under the Contract and all and any information supplied or made available to the Contractor (to include employees, agents, Subcontractors and other suppliers) for the purposes of the Contract(s) including personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Laws; and

- 2.2 any and all information which has been derived or obtained from information described in sub-paragraph 2.1.

- 3. For the purposes of this Agreement “Data Protection Laws” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the “General Data Protection Regulation”), and any guidelines and codes of practice issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland from time to time

- 4. Save as may be required by law, the Contractor agrees in respect of the Confidential Information:

- 4.1 to treat such Confidential Information as confidential and to take all necessary steps to ensure that such confidentiality is maintained;

- 4.2 not, without the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority, to communicate or disclose any part of such Confidential Information to any person except:

- i to those employees, agents, Subcontractors and other suppliers on a need to know basis; and/or
  - ii the Contractor’s auditors, professional advisers and any other persons or entities having a legal right or duty to have access to or knowledge of the confidential Information in connection with the business of the Contractor

PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Contractor shall ensure that all such persons and bodies are made aware, prior to disclosure, of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and that they owe a duty of confidence to the Contracting Authority; and shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that such persons and bodies comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

5. The obligations in this Agreement will not apply to any Confidential Information:
  - i in the Contractor's possession (with full right to disclose) before receiving it from the Contracting Authority; or
  - ii which is or becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this clause; or
  - iii is independently developed by the Contractor without access to or use of the Confidential Information; or
  - iv is lawfully received from a third party (with full right to disclose).
6. The Contractor undertakes:
  - 6.1 to comply with all directions of the Contracting Authority with regard to the use and application of all and any Confidential Information or data (including personal data as defined in the Data Protection Laws );
  - 6.2 to comply with all directions as to local security arrangements deemed reasonably necessary by the Contracting Authority including, if required, completion of documentation under the Official Secrets Act 1963 and comply with any vetting requirements of the Contracting Authority including by police authorities;
  - 6.3 upon termination of the Competition (or the Contract) for whatever reason to furnish to the Contracting Authority all Confidential Information or at the written direction of the Contracting Authority to destroy in a secure manner all (or such part or parts thereof as may be identified by the Contracting Authority) Confidential Information in its possession and shall erase any Confidential Information held by the Contractor in electronic form. The Contractor will upon request furnish a certificate to that effect should the Contracting Authority so request in writing. For the avoidance of doubt "document" includes documents stored on a computer storage medium and data in digital form whether legible or not.

7. The Contractor shall not obtain any proprietary interest or any other interest whatsoever in the Confidential Information furnished to them by the Contracting Authority and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.
8. The Contractor shall, in the performance of the Contract, access only such hardware, software, infrastructure, or any part of the databases, data or ICT system(s) of the Contracting Authority as may be necessary for the purposes of the Competition (and obligations thereunder or arising therefrom) and only as directed by the Contracting Authority and in the manner agreed in writing between the Parties.
9. The Contractor agrees that this Agreement will continue in force notwithstanding any court order relating to the Competition or termination of the Contract (if awarded) for any reason.
10. The Contractor agrees that this Agreement shall in all aspects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland and the Contractor hereby further agrees that the courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.
11.
  - A. In this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:
    - “Data Controller” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
    - “Data Processor” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
    - “Data Subject” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
    - “Data Subject Access Request” means a request made by a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted under the Data Protection Laws to access his or her Personal Data;
    - “Personal Data” has the meaning given under Data Protection Laws;
    - “Processing” has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws;
  - B. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Laws.
  - C. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Laws, the Contracting Authority is the Data Controller and the Contractor is the Data Processor in respect of Confidential Information which is Personal Data. Schedule A sets out the

scope, nature and purpose of Processing by the Contractor, the duration of the Processing and the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject.

- D. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 11(B), the Contractor shall, in relation to any Confidential Information which is Personal Data:-
- (1) process that Personal Data only on the written instructions of the Contracting Authority;
  - (2) ensure that it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures, reviewed and approved by the Contracting Authority, to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing of Personal Data and against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Personal Data, appropriate to the harm that might result from the unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the data to be protected, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of implementing any measures (those measures may include, where appropriate, pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of its systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the technical and organisational measures adopted by it);
  - (3) ensure that all personnel who have access to and/or process Personal Data are obliged to keep the Personal Data confidential;
  - (4) not transfer any Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area unless the prior written consent of the Contracting Authority has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled;
    - i. appropriate safeguards are in place in relation to the transfer, to ensure that Personal Data is adequately protected in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation 2016/679 ( General Data Protection Regulation);

- ii. the data subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
  - iii. The Contractor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
  - iv. The Contractor complies with reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Contracting Authority with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;
- E. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Authority if it receives a Data Subject Access Request to have access to any Personal Data or any other complaint, correspondence, notice, request any order of the Court or request of any regulatory or government body relating to the Contracting Authority's obligations under the Data Protection Laws and provide full co-operation and assistance to the Contracting Authority in relation to any such complaint, order or request (including, without limitation, by allowing Data Subjects to have access to their data).
- F. The Contractor shall without undue delay report in writing to the Contracting Authority any data compromise involving Personal Data, or any circumstances that could have resulted in unauthorised access to or disclosure of Personal Data.
- G. The Contractor shall assist the Contracting Authority in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Laws with respect to security, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities and regulators.
- H. The Contractor shall at the written direction of the Contracting Authority, amend, delete or return Personal Data and copies thereof to the Contracting Authority on termination of this Agreement unless the Contractor is required by the laws of any member of the European Union or by the laws of the European Union applicable to the Contractor to store the Personal Data.
- I. The Contractor shall permit the Contracting Authority, the Office of the Data Protection Commission or other supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland, and / or their

nominee to conduct audits and or inspections of the Contractor's facilities, and to have access to all data protection, confidentiality and security procedures, data equipment, mechanisms, documentation, databases, archives, data storage devices, electronic communications and storage systems used by the Contractor in any way for the provision of the services. The Contractor shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Contracting Authority arising out of any such inspection, audit or review.

- J. The Contractor shall fully comply with, and implement policies which are communicated or notified to the Contractor by the Contracting Authority from time to time.
- K. The Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause 11 and allow for inspections and contribute to any audits by the Contracting Authority or the Contracting Authority's designated auditor.
- L. The Contractor shall:-
  - 1. take all reasonable precautions to preserve the integrity of any Personal Data which it processes and to prevent any corruption or loss of such Personal Data;
  - 2. ensure that a back-up copy of any and all such Personal Data is made [insert frequency] and this copy is recorded on media from which the data can be reloaded if there is any corruption or loss of the data; and
  - 3. in such an event and if attributable to any default by the Contractor or any Sub-contractor, promptly restore the Personal Data at its own expense or, at the Contracting Authority's option, reimburse the Contracting Authority for any reasonable expenses it incurs in having the Personal Data restored by a third party.

*(IF YOU ARE NOT CONSENTING TO A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR - DELETE IF NOT IN USE)*

(OR IF USING A THIRD PARTY PROCESSOR - DELETE IF NOT IN USE)

N. Save for clauses 11B, 11C, 11D(4) and 11E, all the obligations on the Contractor in this clause 11 relating to the processing of Personal Data shall apply to the processing of all Confidential Information.

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## Schedule A to the Confidentiality Agreement: Data Protection

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## Appendix 7: Qualifications

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**Skipper and Alternate Skipper** as a minimum must provide the following certification.

1. Master and alternate must hold a Passenger Boat Commercial Endorsement appropriate to a P5 Passenger Boat.

2. **Sea survival:**

Masters of passenger boats should hold:

- An approved STCW Reg. VI-1 Personal Survival Techniques Course Certificate  
or
- An STCW Basic Sea survival Course

3. **First Aid:**

The Master of a P5 passenger boat must have one of the following First Aid certificates:

- an STCW approved Elementary First Aid Certificate, or
- FETAC Level 5 Occupational First Aid, or
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) Emergency First Response.

4. **Medical Fitness Certification**

All crew should possess

- i. Medical Fitness Certificate (in general two-year validity  
or
- ii. A satisfactory report from any registered medical practitioner is acceptable including evidence of satisfactory colour vision. A satisfactory medical practitioner's report is valid for 5 years for those up to age 65 and for two years thereafter.

## 5. Radio qualifications:

The Master (or another crew member) should have a Radio Operator's Certificate suitable for the radio equipment on board and suitable to the area of operation of the vessel.

## Crew members/ Deck hands

At a minimum Crew Members/ Deck Hands are required to have:

1. Medical Fitness Certificate (in general two-year validity)  
or
2. A satisfactory report from any registered medical practitioner is acceptable including evidence of satisfactory colour vision. A satisfactory medical practitioner's report is valid for 5 years for those up to age 65 and for two years thereafter.

**Please note:** that this is not an exhaustive list and are the minimum certificates currently required by the OPW. Service Providers must ensure that all skippers and crew members are adequately trained in line with all current legislation pertaining to the safe operation of a P5 licenced passenger boat.

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