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THIS IS THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND, SERVICE SHIPS SUPPORT PROGRAM (PM42)

MARKET SURVEY NO. **SS-26-130**

SUBJECT: ONE U.S. FLAG, JONES ACT COMPLIANT, VESSEL TO SUPPORT GENERAL PURPOSE OCEAN TOWING, SALVAGE, AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN COASTAL AND DEEP OCEAN AREAS; INCLUDING NAVY UNIQUE DEEP SUBMERGENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS.

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND YOUR RESPONSE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN OFFER. THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DOES NOT COMMIT THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY ANY COSTS INCURRED IN THE PREPARATION OR SUBMISSION TO THIS MARKET RESEARCH OR TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. **THIS SOURCES SOUGHT IS FOR AN OPTION EVALUATION AND WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO EXERCISE AN OPTION ON AN EXISTING CHARTER CONTRACT.**

THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC), SERVICE SHIPS SUPPORT PROGRAM OFFICE, PM42, REQUESTS INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ONE VESSEL TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S NEEDS AS DESCRIBED BELOW. SPECIFICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE SHALL BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ALL APPLICABLE STATE, LOCAL, NAVY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (USCG) REGULATIONS.

1. GENERAL: ONE U.S. FLAG, JONES ACT COMPLIANT, VESSEL FOR THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC) TO SUPPORT GENERAL OCEAN TOWING SALVAGE AND DEEP SUB SURFACE RESCUE OPERATIONS.

2. SCOPE OF WORK: THE SHIP SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF GENERAL-PURPOSE OCEAN TOWING, SALVAGE, AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN COASTAL AND DEEP OCEAN AREAS INCLUDING NAVY UNIQUE DEEP SUBMERGENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THINGS LIKE:
   A) CONDUCT MANNED AND REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE DIVING OPERATIONS INCLUDING SATURATION DIVING
   B) CONDUCT SALVAGE/SURVEY ASSESSMENT
   C) TOW CRAFT, BARGES, AND NAVY VESSELS
   D) CONDUCT SUBMARINE RESCUE
   E) SALVAGE GROUNDED/STRANDED VESSELS AND CRAFT
   F) LIFT SUNKEN OBJECTS
   G) CONDUCT UNDERWATER REPAIRS

3. AREA OF OPERATIONS: VESSEL WILL BE HOME PORTED IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. BERTH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. OPERATIONS WILL OCCUR ALONG THE EAST / GULF COAST OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

   THE PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE
   BASE PERIOD: 02 AUGUST 2026 – 01 AUGUST 2027

4. THE VESSEL SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- JONES ACT QUALIFIED AND U.S. FLAGGED VESSEL.
- BOLLARD PULL: 130 TONS (MINIMUM)
- DUAL TOWING WINCHES WITH 2 ¼ AND 3 INCH WIRE INSTALLED
- SHARK JAWS SIZED FOR CHAIN 1-5/8" TO 3-3/4"
- CRANE: MINIMUM 30,000 POUND LIFTING CAPACITY THAT CAN REACH ALL AREAS OF THE WORKING DECK.
- DECK SPACE: MINIMUM 5,000 SQUARE FEET (THE AFT WORKING DECK SHOULD BE OPEN, CONTINUOUS, RECTANGULAR AREA WITH A MINIMUM LENGTH OF 35 METERS AND A MINIMUM WIDTH OF 12.8 METERS WITH A CLEAR OPENING ON THE STERN OF 11 METERS AT THE DECK LEVEL. THE AFT WORKING DECK SHALL BE CLEAR OF ALL EQUIPMENT AND DECK PROTRUSIONS TALLER THAN 50.8 MM (2 IN) TO ENABLE APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF SUBMARINE RESCUE EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOTHER SHIP (MOSHIP) CRITERIA MANUAL FOR US NAVY SUBMARINE RESCUE, (REV E). PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF THE MOSHIP SURVEY CHECKLIST FOUND IN APPENDIX "D" OF THE MOSHIP CRITERIA DOCUMENT, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS POSTING AS AN ATTACHMENT.
- STATION KEEPING: DP-2 OR EQUIVALENT (INDUSTRY STANDARD)
- FIRE FIGHTING: MUST HAVE MEANS OF OFF SHIP FIRE FIGHTING
- ACCOMMODATIONS: PERMANENT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR 40 TRANSIENT PERSONNEL (MDSU DIVING / SALVAGE OPS, SUBMARINE RESCUE, ETC.)
- COMMUNICATIONS: BROADBAND INTERNET (MINIMUM OF 1MB BI-DIRECTIONAL), TELEPHONE AND TYPICAL COMMERCIAL MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) **DAILY RATE:** EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE DAILY HIRE RATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ALL SERVICES OF THE VESSEL AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS CHARTER PARTY CONTRACT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO PENALTY TIME, BONUSES, PAYMENTS, AND EMOLUMENTS PAYABLE TO MASTER, OFFICERS AND CREW FOR SERVICES UNDER THIS CHARTER, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF SAID SERVICE AND THE NOMINAL CARRIAGE OF AMMUNITION AND HAZARDOUS CARGOES. DAILY HIRE RATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED PAYMENT IN FULL FOR ALL OVERTIME, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CREW OVERTIME OR PENALTY TIME REQUIRED FOR THE MAKING UP OR BREAKING OF TOWS. PORT CHARGES AND FUEL WILL BE REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE		**DAILY RATE**
BASE PERIOD		

(b) **FUEL CONSUMPTION:** RESPONDENTS TO THIS MARKET RESEARCH ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE TYPE OF FUEL CONSUMED BY OFFERED VESSEL(S) AND CONSUMPTION IN GALLONS PER DAY ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING NOTIONAL OPTEMPO:

NOTIONAL OPTEMPO	**Days**	**GAL per day**
Underway DP/Loiter 65%	238	
Underway Transit Speed (12kts) 15%	55	
In-port on Generator 5%	18	
In-port on Shore Power 15%	54	

10. INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL FURNISH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM INFORMATION:

A) NAME OF COMPANY; POINT OF CONTACT, TELEPHONE NUMBER, FAX NUMBER, ADDRESS, AND E- MAIL ADDRESS,

B) BUSINESS SIZE STATUS AND DEMONSTRATE HOW THE COMPANY WILL PERFORM AT

MINIMUM 51% OF THE REQUIREMENT,
C) BRIEF SUMMARY OF COMPANY HISTORY RELATIVE TO SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS
D) AFFIRM THE COMPANY IS FINANCIALLY CAPABLE OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENT
E) ESTIMATED DAILY OR OTHER TERM COST/PRICE TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE SERVICES (SEE PRICING SHEET ABOVE),
F) FUEL CONSUMPTION RATES FOR THE OPTEMPO PROVIDED IN TABLE ABOVE,
G) COMPANY CAGE CODE
H) ANY PERTINENT QUESTIONS/CONCERNS.

11. MSC REQUEST RESPONSES NO LATER THAN 1:00PM LOCAL TIME, NORFOLK, VA, ON 7 JULY 2026. PLEASE SEND QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MARKET SURVEY AND ALL RESPONSES, VIA EMAIL, TO REAH NORRIS AT REAH.D.NORRIS.CIV@US.NAVY.MIL.

SIGNED: STEPHANIE RICKER, CONTRACTING OFFICER, MSC N103B