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SUBJECT: DRY CARGO TUGCON; OPEN-OCEAN TOW MISSION

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2. MSC REQUESTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF A U.S. FLAG, OCEAN-GOING CERTIFIED TUG CAPABLE OF TOWING BERTHING BARGE YRBM-32 “IAW THE U.S. NAVY TOW MANUAL (SL740-AA-MAN-010)” FROM JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM TO PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WA DURING THE PERIOD OF 05 JANUARY - 23 JANUARY 2026. THE REQUIREMENT IS FOR ONE VOYAGE.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE TOW:
   - ONE YRBM-32 BERTHING BARGE
   - DISPLACEMENT – 688 MT
   - LENGTH – 146’ 9 5/8”
   - BEAM – 46’ 9 3/8”
   - MAX DRAFT – 7’ 3”

4. PORT(S)/PLACE(S) OF DEPARTURE: JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM (USA), PIER LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

5. LAYTIME: FOUR (4) DAYS FOR THE ENTIRE MISSION

6. PORT(S)/PLACE(S) OF DESTINATION: PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WA, PIER LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

7. LAYDAYS: COMMENCING: 29 DECEMBER 2025
   CANCELLING: 05 JANUARY 2026

8. TUG REQUIREMENTS:
   - VESSEL/TUG SHALL BE BUILT IN 1970 OR LATER
   - BOLLARD PULL: SUFFICIENT TO TOW YRBM-32 BARGE AT A MINIMUM TOW SPEED OF SIX (6) KNOTS FOR FIVE (5) KNOT SOA IN BEAUFORT 5 CONDITIONS. MAXIMUM TOW SPEED TO BE CALCULATED IAW THE U.S. NAVY TOW MANUAL.
   - INTERNET AND SATELLITE PHONE CAPABILITY.

- OWNERS MUST PROVIDE TOW BRIDLE AND HARDWARE, EMERGENCY TOW LINES, FLOODING ALARMS, NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND DAY SHAPES IAW THE COLREGS RULES OF THE ROAD AND PERFORM NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING OF TOW VESSEL DECK FITTINGS FOR SUBMISSION IN A COMPREHENSIVE TOW PACKAGE. NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND A PERMANENT FIXTURE WITH DAY SHAPE (BLACK DIAMOND) ARE ALREADY INSTALLED ON THE BERTHING BARGE.
- OWNERS MUST PREPARE AND SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE TOWING PACKAGE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TOW. THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:
    - A COMPLETED APPENDIX H FROM THE US NAVY TOWING MANUAL WITH ASSOCIATED DETAIL
    - STEADY STATE TOW LINE TENSION CALCULATIONS OVER THE SPECTRUM OF ANTICIPATED WEATHER CONDITIONS ALONG THE TOW ROUTE
    - SPEEDS OF ADVANCE (SOA)
    - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND LIMITS
    - A SKETCH OF THE TOW CONFIGURATION WHICH IDENTIFIES ALL COMPONENTS IN THE TOW RIG FROM THE TOW MACHINE ON THE TUG TO THE PAD EYES ON TOW (THIS INCLUDES TOW WIRE, CONNECTING SHACKLES, CHAIN INSPECTIONS, AND PAD EYE NDT (NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING) INSPECTION PAPERWORK.
    - DOCUMENTATION OF PEDIGREE, TESTING, OR STAMPING FOR THE INDIVIDUAL JEWELRY COMPONENTS TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING THE WEAKEST LINK AND TO FACILITATE FORENSIC ANALYSIS IN THE EVENT OF A FAILURE, AND TRACKING OF FAILURE TRENDS.
    - TUG SPECIFICATIONS TO INCLUDE HULL AND TOW MACHINERY CERTIFICATIONS, BOLLARD PULL, TOW WIRE CERTIFICATIONS, AND THE MASTER'S TOWING ENDORSEMENT.
    - ROUTE PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF PORTS OF REFUGE INCLUDING ASSOCIATED RESTRICTIONS FOR ENTRY AS STATED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT.
    - THE COMPLETED TOW PACKAGE MUST BE SENT TO NAVSEA AND MSC REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO TOW.
- U.S. NAVY TOWING MANUAL (SL740-AA-MAN-10) WILL BE USED AND COMPLIED WITH FOR THIS REQUIREMENT. THE LINK FOR DOWNLOAD IS: HTTP://WWW.NAVSEA.NAVY.MIL/HOME/SUPSALV/00C2-SALVAGE-PUBLICATIONS/.
- THERE WILL BE A PRE-TOW CONFERENCE AT JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, HI, PRIOR TO TOWING THE BARGE. THE TIME OF THIS MEETING WILL BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY MSC, SPONSOR, AND CONTRACTOR, BUT SHOULD OCCUR NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE TOW. REQUIRED ATTENDEES INCLUDE TUG CAPTAIN/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE(S), MSC REPRESENTATIVE(S), SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE(S) AND THE INDEPENDENT MARINE SURVEYOR (IMS).
- POSITION REPORTS SHALL BE ISSUED BY ELECTRONIC MAIL: TUG SHALL PROVIDE POSITION/STATUS REPORT IN PORT TWICE DAILY AT 0000Z AND 1200Z AND AT-SEA FOUR (4) TIMES DAILY AT 0000Z, 0600Z, 1200Z, AND 1800Z. ADDITIONALLY, POSITION/STATUS REPORTS SHALL ALSO BE SENT UPON

PORT ARRIVAL, PORT DEPARTURE, AND AT OTHER TIMES REQUESTED BY THE APPLICABLE MSC AREA COMMAND FOR FORCE PROTECTION REASONS. REPORTS SHALL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESSES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER CONTRACT AWARD.

- CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT MARINE SURVEYOR (IMS). THIS SERVICE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFER'S LUMP-SUM PRICE. THE IMS IS AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE NAVY AND THE CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF THE OPERATIONS AND TO ASSIST IN SETTLING DISAGREEMENTS. THE IMS SELECTED SHOULD BE PROPOSED BY THE TOWING CONTRACTOR AND AGREED TO BY THE MSC TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE. IMS DUTIES SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
    - PERFORM DETAILED TECHNICAL EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT AS NECESSARY, TO ENSURE THE TUG AND YRBM-32 BARGE ARE PREPARED AND RIGGED FOR TOW IAW THE U.S. NAVY TOWING MANUAL, AS APPLICABLE.
        - TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING:
            - CONTRACTOR PREPARED TOW PACKAGE.
            - PRE-TOW CHECKLIST TO INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS VERIFYING THE CONDITION OF THE YRBM-32 BARGE AS BEING SEAWORTHY OF THE TOW.
            - MATERIAL CONDITION OF THE TUG AND BARGE.
            - PREPARATIONS OF THE TUG AND BARGE.
            - INSPECTION OF ALL MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE, LINES, AND REQUIRED CERTIFICATES.
            - COMPLETED U.S. NAVY TOWING MANUAL APPENDIX H.
            - ISSUE A TOWING CERTIFICATE WHEN THE TUG AND BARGE ARE SAFELY RIGGED FOR TOW.
- THE BERTHING BARGE SHALL BE PICKED UP AT ITS PIER LOCATION AT JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, HI AND DELIVERED TO THE CARGO'S DESIGNATED PIER LOCATION AT PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WA. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PORTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. ASSIST TUGS, IF REQUIRED, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LINE HANDLERS ON TUG AND CARGO AS REQUIRED.
- TUG SHALL BE FULLY BUNKERED FOR THE VOYAGE. STOPS FOR FUEL OR SUPPLIES ARE AUTHORIZED.
- TOWING AND MOORING CALCULATION, TOWING AND MOORING ARRANGEMENT, AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE BARGE WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- OWNER/OFFEROR WARRANTS ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT VESSEL CREW AND OTHER EMBARKED PERSONNEL MAY BE ORDERED BY THE CHARTERER TO STAY ABOARD THE VESSEL DURING PORT VISITS UNDER THIS CHARTER AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CHARTERER OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. FURTHER, THE OWNER/OFFEROR AGREES THAT THE CHARTERER MAY LIMIT ACCESS TO THE VESSEL BY ANY

SHORE-SIDE PERSONNEL UPON THE VESSEL'S PORT CALLS DURING THIS CHARTER.

- CONTRACTOR SHALL INCLUDE A TRANSIT PLAN IN THE OFFER THAT WILL DETAIL THE TRANSIT FROM PEARL HARBOR, HI TO PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WA. DETAILS SHALL INCLUDE ROUTE PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF PORTS OF REFUGE INCLUDING ASSOCIATED RESTRICTIONS FOR ENTRY AS STATED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT.

9. INTERESTED PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. NAME AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION/CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOW VESSEL INCLUDING COI, PHOTOS, VESSEL SPECIFICATION SHEET, INMARSAT NUMBER, CALL SIGN, IMO NUMBER, YEAR OF TUG, AND FLAG OF TUG.
B. OWNERS WARRANT THE TUG OFFERED IS OCEAN-CERTIFIED.
C. LUMP-SUM (INCLUDE UP TO 4 DAYS AT DESTINATION SITE FOR CUSTOMS/DELIVERY) AND DEMURRAGE RATE.
D. TRANSIT PLAN THAT WILL DETAIL THE TRANSIT FROM PEARL HARBOR, HI TO PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WA. DETAILS SHALL INCLUDE ROUTE PLANNING, NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE TOW MISSION, AND IDENTIFICATION OF PORTS OF REFUGE INCLUDING ASSOCIATED RESTRICTIONS FOR ENTRY AS STATED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT.
E. COMPANY'S NAME, UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER, AND BUSINESS SIZE. IF OTHER THAN SMALL BUSINESS, PROVIDE NARRATIVE OF SUB-CONTRACTING POSSIBILITIES ENVISIONED, IF ANY. IF NONE, PROVIDE EXPLANATION.
F. ANY OTHER PERTINENT QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS INCLUDING 46 CFR, CHAPTER 1, SUBCHAPTER M - TOWING VESSELS.

10. THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION 19.102 ESTABLISHES THE SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARD FOR THIS TYPE OF WATER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AS NAICS "483111" WITH A SMALL BUSINESS SIZE LIMITATION OF 1,050 EMPLOYEES. PLEASE INDICATE IF BUSINESS IS A SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.

11. RESPONSES ARE REQUESTED VIA EMAIL, PRIOR TO **1100 HOURS, EASTERN TIME, TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2025**. THE POINT OF CONTACT IS **DAVID C. ANAYA**, EMAIL **DAVID.C.ANAYA.CIV@US.NAVY.MIL,** OR TEL **564-226-8419**.

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