

Clarification Questions and Responses

Project Title: Tender for Montserrat (Short-term) Passenger Ferry Service

Date: 20th July 2023

Clarification Question	Government of Montserrat (GoM) Response
1. Withholding Tax deduction: May it be expressed in the Cost proposal or it is assumed that the price would finally reflect a withholding Tax over the proposed cost? Means that if the cost proposal is \$100 (example of daily rate) then the invoiced amount would be \$116.67? Or the cost proposal would have to reflect \$116.67 in order to reflect the deduction later?	The withholding tax deduction would apply to the price submitted in the cost proposal. For example, if price submitted is \$100, the 20% withholding tax will be applied and deducted from the price of \$100.
2. Monthly rate for passenger ferry service: Is this the cost of multiplying the daily rate by a 30 days calendar without considering the MOB/DEMOB costs?	The monthly rate is the cost of daily rate by 30 days.
3. Total Cost for 5-month passenger ferry service : Is this the SUM of the 5 month without considering the MOB/DEMOB costs or this box includes as total cost the MOB/DEMOB + the 5 month charter?	In Section 7.2 Cost Proposal - the five (5) month cost should itemize all of the costs for providing the service for a five (5) month period, including mobilization and demobilization and then reflect the total cost. This total cost will be presented in the Form of Tender at Section 9.0.
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4. Port charges. In 8.4 section, it is reported that the Operator will be responsible for the liaison with the Port Authorities for all aspects associated with the embarking and disembarkation of passengers and cargo. <u>Question:</u> Who will bear the cost of Port charges, the payment of harbour access fees (covering berthing and traffic dues) for both destinations, Montserrat and Antigua?	The Access Division, Office of the Premier bears the cost of port chargers and harbour fees for both Montserrat and Antigua

<p>5. Minimum and mandatory vessel's length.</p> <p>It is required in the Stage #2, Section 8.2 a minimum vessel's length at 25 m. However, the usual threshold in the maritime industry is 24 m. Over 24 m, the vessel has to comply with SOLAS Code. Below, the Small Commercial Vessels Code (SCV Code) operating in the Caribbean can be applied.</p> <p>In our case, the vessel is over 24 m (24.25 m) and already complies with SOLAS Code. In addition, she is also complying with the High-Speed Craft Code (HSC Code), which is a more demanding Code. (Chapter X of SOLAS Code).</p> <p><u>Question:</u> Do we apply to the tender despite of our vessel's length?</p>	<p>The procuring entity has decided to adjust the vessel length to greater than 24 metres, and compliant with SOLAS Code</p>
<p>6. Decision deadline date.</p> <p>Time is the essence in your requirement. The submission deadline of the ITT is clearly expressed. But we did not note the date GoM will unveil which company is selected for the service.</p> <p><u>Question:</u> Could we get this important date? With it, we can start working on our Mobilization Outline.</p>	<p>The Government of Montserrat will seek to complete the evaluation of tenders within two (2) months of the deadline, that is by October 9, 2023.</p>