



QUERIES FOR BIDDING EXERCISE "Consultancy Services for the Setting Up of an Automatic Identification System (AIS) Monitoring Centre at the Tourism Authority"

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1	<p><i>Design of AIS Monitoring Centres: We understand that at this stage, the consultant may only be responsible for designing the primary and backup AIS Monitoring Centres (located at the Tourism Authority and National Coast Guard, respectively). This design would include a detailed list of necessary hardware and software, to be procured through a separate tender. Could you please confirm this interpretation?</i></p>	<p>This is correct. The Consultant will be required to provide a list of all the software and hardware requirements including associated gears/cabling/wiring/connectivity and give a cost estimate so that the Tourism Authority can procure same through a separate tender exercise. The responsibility to set up the 2 Monitoring Centres will rest on the Consultant once the software and hardware are procured.</p>
2	<p><i>Staff Training: We assume the consultant's role in training would focus on the core AIS concept. Detailed training on the specific hardware and software provided would likely be delivered by the equipment supplier. Could you please clarify how training responsibilities will be divided?</i></p>	<p>No. It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to train the AIS manning crew on the full exploitation of the equipment which shall be procured upon his recommendations. The question of the Equipment supplier providing training on use of the equipment DOES NOT ARISE.</p>
3	<p><i>Commissioning of AIS Monitoring Centres: We anticipate the consultant's involvement in the acceptance testing phase of the independently procured hardware and software. Could you please confirm if this is the expected level of participation for commissioning?</i></p>	<p>The Consultant shall be involved in the acceptance phase until the AIS manning crew is satisfied that the system is fully operational, and this may take a week or two after all the 3400-pleasure craft would have been equipped with a Class B+ AIS transmitter. The Tourism Authority needs to be accompanied in the pre-acceptance trials so that any issues that crop up can be attended to promptly. Note: The onus to purchase the AIS transmitter and to get it fitted onboard after necessary procedures completed with the ICT Authority for obtention of the MMSI shall be on the pleasure craft licensee.</p>



4	<p><i>It is our assumption that this tender only relates to consulting / advisory / training related activities and should not include any budgetary items related to hardware installations and associated costs in setting up the monitoring center and AIS installations. Is this assumption correct?</i></p>	<p>The Tourism Authority expects the Consultant to advise on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the best AIS transmitters which will be required to be procured by the pleasure craft licensees based on the TOR. b. The software and hardware and associated fittings which the Tourism Authority will need to procure via a separate tender exercise to set up the 2 AIS Monitoring Centres (along with a cost estimate including that of operationalizing the centres) c. Train the AIS manning crew in the use of the system following installation of the AIS transmitters on the pleasure craft.
5	<p><i>Once the Consultant has provided the deliverables required on the AIS Monitoring Centre (Deliverable 4), how is the redundant AIS Monitoring Centre going to be acquired, installed, configured and then tested?</i></p>	<p>The Tourism Authority expects the Consultant to come up with proposals since this is the aim of seeking Consultancy Services being given that this sphere of activity is new to the Authority and there needs to be an expert in the subject matter to advise on how to set up and operationalize a Primary Centre at The Tourism Authority and a Secondary Centre at the National Coast Guard and both centres being capable of monitoring the movements of the AIS-fitted pleasure craft.</p>
6	<p><i>How are the AIS base stations and linking infrastructure that feeds the AIS monitoring Centre (Deliverable 4) to be acquired, installed, configured and then tested?</i></p>	<p>The Tourism Authority expects the Consultant to submit an Inception Report whereby he needs to explain his methodology aimed at setting up and operationalizing the 2 centres.</p>
7	<p><i>What time scales are associated with the building of the AIS Monitoring Centre and the associated AIS base stations and supporting infrastructure?</i></p>	<p>It is understood that an AIS Monitoring Centre can be set up in an existing building or part of the building and the Tourism Authority expects the Consultant to advise as to how to convert part of that building into the Monitoring Centre. The project is expected to materialize by end June 2026.</p>



8	<p><i>If the Consultant is to be responsible for the specifications and then setting up the AIS Monitoring Centre after it has been acquired, is the Consultant able to appoint a Project Manager to manage this project on a day-to-day basis or is the Consultant expected to be the Project Manager (Deliverable 5 and 7)?</i></p>	<p>The Consultant is expected to have a local representative who shall accompany the Tourism Authority to materialize the project. It again rests on the Consultant on how he intends to proceed, and this procedure must be clearly elaborated in the Inception Report.</p>
9	<p><i>Is the AIS Monitoring Centre expected to be in place before the installation of the recommended AIS transponders on the pleasure crafts (Deliverable 4) to ensure that they can be monitored from Day 1?</i></p>	<p>It befalls on the Consultant to advise because the acceptance trials will be deemed successful only when the movement of AIS-fitted pleasure craft can be monitored on a screen both at the Primary and the Secondary Monitoring Centres.</p>

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