



Invitation to tender **Yacht charter to support wandering albatross surveys**

Background

In 2024, the Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands (GSGSSI) will be undertaking a census of wandering albatross on South Georgia alongside various complimentary terrestrial monitoring activities. To support this, GSGSSI requires to charter a yacht. We invite operators to tender for the provision of this service.

Specification

- 6-week charter starting in early – mid-January 2024 departing from Stanley, Falkland Islands.
- The yacht must be suitable to carry up-to 6 scientific survey staff.
- The yacht must be suitable for operating at south coast sites on South Georgia, including Annenkov Island, where charts are poor.
- A dedicated expedition skipper who has detailed knowledge of the coast of South Georgia should be present.
- GSGSSI require exclusive charter of the vessel i.e. no additional passengers may be embarked.
- The yacht/operator should be registered with IAATO and have all necessary safety systems and insurances for operating in South Georgia.

Preference will be given to operators who have demonstrated experience and success in getting personnel safely ashore at south coast sites. GSGSSI will only consider tenders from operators who have an excellent record of biosecurity and environmental compliance.

Application

Operators are invited to submit the following to GSGSSI in support of their application:

- Specifications of the yacht (construction, power, accommodation, safety systems etc).
- CV's / details of experience of primary skipper, expedition skipper and crew and previous involvement with projects in the survey area.
- Dates of when the vessel is available to depart Stanley.
- Total cost and details of any sur-charges i.e. fuel and an expected schedule of payments.
- Additional supporting information, as appropriate, to demonstrate conformance with Specification.

Details of the criteria which will be used to assess proposals are described in Annex 1. Further notes on the GSGSSI ITT process can be found in Annex 2.

Applications should be sent to Jennifer.black@gov.gs

The closing date is **8th July 2022**

GSGSSI reserves the right not to contract or contract only in part with any tenderer.

Annex 1 - Assessment Criteria

GSGSSI will assess proposals based on the following weighted criteria:

Award Criteria	Weighting
Conformance to Specification Proposals that do not in the opinion of GSGSSI adequately meet the Specification will not be assessed on price or quality as outlined below and will not be taken forward. GSGSSI may seek expert advice on vessel suitability and crew experience and further information may be requested from the applicant to aid this process	PASS/FAIL
Price	50%
Quality	50%
Total	100%

The quality criteria carries a weighting of 50% of the overall achievable score. Quality will be assessed on the following criteria:

Previous experience operating at sites on the South coast of South Georgia	30%
Experience of delivering support to environmental monitoring or management projects	10%
Track record of being solutions orientated and working weather windows to access landing sites	10%
Total	50%

Each of the above quality criteria will be assessed on a scale of 0-5 and weighted accordingly. Applicants are encouraged to include examples from previous work projects where relevant.

Annex 2 – Notes on ITT process

This ITT has been issued on the basis that:

- GSGSSI does not accept any liability, responsibility, or duty of care to any tenderer for the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of this ITT or for anything said or done in relation to the procurement to which this ITT relates;
- GSGSSI does not make any representations or warranty either about the information contained in this ITT or on which it is based, or about any written or oral information that may be made available to any applicant;
- Nothing in this ITT constitutes an inducement or incentive in any way to persuade an interested person to pursue its interest, submit a tender proposal or enter into any contract;
- Neither this ITT nor any information supplied by GSGSSI should be relied on as a promise or representation as to its future requirements;
- This ITT is neither an offer capable of acceptance nor is it intended to create a binding contract nor is it capable of creating such a contract by any subsequent actions.
- GSGSSI is not responsible for any costs incurred by an Applicant in responding to this ITT.
- GSGSSI may either waive or require strict compliance with any requirement of this ITT.

Tenderers:

- Shall return or destroy all tender documents if directed to do so by GSGSSI
- Shall ensure that tenders are arithmetically correct. Should GSGSSI identify any errors then these will be pointed out to the tenderer who shall immediately correct the errors or their tender will be withdrawn or their tender will be assessed at the price submitted, at the discretion of GSGSSI.
- Shall not alter the ITT documents. Tender proposals will be deemed to comply with the terms stated in this ITT. If any alteration is made or if the ITT is not complied with the tender proposal may be rejected.
- Will be deemed to have satisfied themselves that their tender proposal is complete and that they have included all costs which may be incurred in delivering the project. They are responsible for satisfying themselves as to the accuracy of all information associated with the contract and that all eventualities have been included.

Collusive bidding is unacceptable to GSGSSI. Any Applicant that takes part in any collusion will be disqualified. Collusion includes:

- Fixing or adjusting the price in agreement or arrangement with any other person
- Communication to any other person the price, except where necessary to prepare the proposal
- Entering into an agreement or arrangement that a person shall refrain from submitting a proposal
- Offering or agreeing to pay or give valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person in return for them doing or causing to be done any act or omission in relation to the proposal

GSGSSI has zero tolerance to bribery and corruption and requires the same from its contractors. Any reasonable suspicion of bribery or corruption must be reported to GSGSSI and to the relevant police force.