



CRITERIA FOR SHIPPING SERVICE TO PITCAIRN ISLAND

The Government of the Pitcairn Islands (GPI) is seeking proposals as part of the Expression of Interest (EOI) to provide shipping services, under a Time Charter contract, to Pitcairn Island, commencing in February 2019. Pitcairn Island is a small remote island located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The passenger service will need to operate from the port of Mangareva in French Polynesia. Mangareva is serviced by a domestic airline which operates on TUESDAYS ONLY between Papeete and Mangareva. This is the closest airport to Pitcairn Island and lies 310 miles from Pitcairn.

The service will need to deliver freight and/or passengers to the Island, but not necessarily at the same time. EOI are welcome for either freight and/or passenger services. Both the freight and passenger vessel(s) used for the services will need to be fully compliant with all applicable maritime rules and regulations for the service(s) provided, and be properly registered and certified for the intended purpose. A full specification of the proposed vessel(s) should be included in your submission by completing the vessel specification sheet attached. GPI will need to have a high level of confidence that the service will operate professionally and in accordance to the schedule set by the Charterers.

Pitcairn Island has no viable port, berth or jetty which a vessel can access or safely lie alongside. As a result, all visiting vessels must anchor in Bounty Bay for the duration of their stay. The islands own open longboats that perform the ship-to-shore transfer of all passengers, stores and cargo. If and when the weather dictates, loading and discharge of cargo and passengers may be switched to the other side of Pitcairn Island. Mangareva does have a port where the vessel may lay alongside to embark passengers, but no cargo may be loaded or unloaded in Mangareva.

The Time Charter period is for an initial two years firm with three by one-year extension in Charterers favour. Early indications of interest should be sent to the following email addresses by 22nd March 2018. A briefing will be held shortly after that date to take any questions.

Thereafter, any clarification questions to the EOI should be submitted by email to the same two email addresses and both the questions and their answers will be posted on the government website at

Three possible Options are envisaged and each will be evaluated on the basis of its overall cost and efficiency

- A) A vessel capable of delivering a combined Passenger and Freight Service noting that no cargo can be loaded or unloaded in Mangareva only passengers.
- B) A vessel capable of delivering a dedicated Passenger service from Mangareva, but with no Freight capability.
- C) In combination with a vessel as per option B), a vessel capable of delivering a freight service only between Pitcairn Island and an agreed international port.

Proposals are invited for one or more of the above options.

Your proposal in accordance with the EOI requirements will need to provide that the vessel(s) are capable of meeting the following requirements:

The Freight Service

- A freight service to Pitcairn Island on the basis of either (a) one voyage every three months, four voyages per year or (b) one voyage every four months, three voyages per year.
- Vessel needs to be able to transport an annual total of circa 800 cubic metres of freight with the majority of the cargo carried inside 6ft mini containers and as break bulk. The annual total to be broken down into approximately equal amounts for each of the three or four voyages as required by Charterers.
- Vessel needs to be able to transport at least 80,000 litres of diesel per year in either three or four equal parcels as appropriate to the number of voyages.
- The vessel must have the ability to transport dangerous goods, including, but not limited to, pressurised gas tanks, petrol (gasoline) and explosives.
- Vessel needs to be able to transport 20 cubic metres of fresh/chilled goods AND 20 cubic metres of frozen goods per year at regular intervals. Therefore, reefer points and containers are required on board, or the vessel must have sufficient storage for approximately 5 cubic meters of frozen goods and 3 cubic meters of chilled goods.
- The vessel must have its own crane and be capable of unloading the cargo onto open 40ft long boats, and backload empty containers, whilst at anchor in the open sea off Bounty Bay, Pitcairn Island.
- Individual loaded containers and packages of break-bulk will not exceed 2.5 tonnes in weight.
- Vessel will be required to return empty containers and some cargo to New Zealand at the end of each cargo voyage, or at least once every three months.

The Passenger service

GPI seeks fully costed expressions of interest for two distinct passenger options. Option one is similar to the current model. This service has four 'rotations' a year, with the ship collecting up to 12 passengers from Mangareva on a Tuesday, when the weekly flight arrives from Tahiti. The service then sails to Pitcairn and returns the following week. It carries out three sailings to Pitcairn and then returns to New Zealand to load cargo. See http://www.visitpitcairn.pn/go_there/claymore_schedule/index.html for more details. For this expression of interest, we would like to add a fourth sailing to Pitcairn at the end of each of the four rotations.

Definition of a '**Rotation**' : Three consecutive passenger voyages, Mangareva-Pitcairn-Mangareva, followed by one cargo voyage Mangareva-New Zealand-Pitcairn-Mangareva.

The second option contemplates a fortnightly service from Mangareva to Pitcairn, again connecting with the weekly flight. There are two exceptions. At six monthly intervals, it will operate three weekly services, as per the current service.

The freight and passenger service can be combined or separate. The freight service can be delivered directly to Pitcairn from New Zealand or via another acceptable international port.

Efficiency, a high degree of confidence in the operation and value for money will be key determining factors in awarding the contract. Full details of the criteria for determining successful bids and full details of the requirements are attached to this EOI and also available to download on the Pitcairn website www.government.pn

- Preference will be given to submissions able to achieve a more regular service due to a higher cruising speed.
- A pro-forma sailing schedule for the second option is attached to this EOI for reference

- Passenger accommodation and facilities must be of a good standard and in accordance with the EOI documentation.
- The passenger service must provide full hotel and catering services including all bedding and linen.
- The vessel must have sufficient crew to be able to assist passengers during the voyage.

The time-line for this EOI is as follows :

- Circulation of EOI to Ship brokers and vessel owners – 19th March 2018
- Bidders to advise intention to offer by – 22nd March 2018
- Clarification questions to be received no later than – 20th April 2018
- Proposals to be received by – 30th April 2018
- Evaluation of proposals completed – 7th May 2018
- Letter of Intent issued by – 14th May 2018
- Award of contract and contract signature by 31st May 2018

Photo Gallery



Pitcairn Island from afar



Pitcairn Island



Bounty Bay (Landing Point for Cargo)



Long Boat Entering Bounty Bay Harbour



Long Boat with 6ft Containers



Long Boat Empty