

**Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation  
Sri Lanka Ports Authority  
Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

**Time Charter of Two Numbers 70 Ton BP Twin Azimuth Stern Drive Harbour Tugs  
for the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for Operations at the Port of Colombo  
Sri Lanka Ports Authority  
CES/FP/05/PT/6822 (HM)**

1. Pilotage and mooring of vessel in all commercial sea ports in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, fall within the purview of Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) of the Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Ports Authority has deployed a fleet of Harbour Tugs for this purpose and intends to strengthen the fleet for a limited duration by deploying a further two numbers of 70 Ton bollard pull harbor tugs. The harbor tugs so obtained will be deployed not limited to berthing and unberthing of vessels, escorting of vessels, to standby as a fire float, oil spill dispersant spraying boat, docking and undocking operation of vessels, etc in Port of Colombo. Towards this intent the SLPA wish to obtain on Hire-Basis the services of 02 Nos. 70 Ton Bollard Pull Harbour Tugs for a duration of five years.
2. The SLPA will use own funds for the payments in lieu of services so obtained.
3. The Chairman, High Level Procurement Committee (HLPC) for and on behalf of the SLPA, now invites sealed Bids from interested parties for the supply on hire basis the services maximum up to two tugs. Bids shall be evaluated on individual tug basis and awarded separately. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Document.
4. In order to qualify for reception of an award in this bidding, the Bidder shall have previous experience in relevant field. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents. Interested parties shall take notice that the provisions of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Merchant Shipping Act No 52 of 1971 and amendments apply to trade in Sri Lanka waters. Bidder is required to supply tug/s for the duration of five (05) years.
5. Bidders shall comply with the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 03 of 1987 and the regulations made thereunder. Under this act any person who act as an Agent, Sub Agent, Representative or Nominee for or on behalf of bidder should register themselves under the Public Contract Act No.03 of 1987 if the value of any tender they intend to take part exceeds five million rupees (SLR) and shall submit the relevant duly completed PCA Registration Certificate with the Bid.

6. The schedule for this bidding is programmed as shown below.

Event	Date
a. Issue of Bidding Documents:	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
b. Pre Bid Meeting:	07 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
c. Last date for Bidders to apply for clarification of Bidding Documents:	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
d. Last date for SLPA to provide Clarifications and/or Addendum to Bidding Documents:	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
e. Closing date and time for submission of bids:	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 1400 hours
f. Opening of Bids:	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 Immediately after Bid closing

7. Interested parties may obtain further information on this bidding from the Chief Manager (Supplies and Material Management), C/O Chairman – High Level Procurement Committee, Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka. Tel: 0094112323102, Fax: 0094112381652 or email: [cms@slpa.lk](mailto:cms@slpa.lk).

Interested parties can inspect a sample copy of the Bidding Document, during office hours at the office of Chief Manager Supplies and Materials Management, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01, SRI LANKA.

8. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested parties on the submission of a written application to the Chief Manager (Supplies and Materials Management) at Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, No.45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01, SRI LANKA and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of United States Dollars One Thousand (USD 1,000.00) all inclusive of taxes converted to Sri Lankan Rupees calculated from middle exchange rate on date of procurement of bidding document.

Issue of Bidding Document is from 1200 hours on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 till 1200 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 during office hours.

9. A pre bid meeting to clarify and answer any issues in respect of this bidding will be held at the Conference Room, First Floor, Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation, No. 19, Chaithya Road, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka at 0930 hours on 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in this connection. Interested parties and/or their representatives are invited to attend this meeting.

10. Each and every bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of United States Dollars Ninety Three Thousand per tug (USD 93,000.00 per tug) and must be

addressed and delivered to Chairman – High Level Procurement Committee (HLPC), Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation, No. 19, Chaithya Road, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka not later than 1400 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, in accordance with Instructions to Bidders. Any Bid submitted by fax or email will not be considered for evaluation and will be rejected. The Bids will be opened in public immediately thereafter on the same day in the presence of Bidder and/or their representatives.

11. Neither the HLPC nor Sri Lanka Ports Authority will be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with the preparation and submission of the Bids.

**Chairman**  
**High Level Procurement Committee**  
**Ministry of Ports and Civil Aviation**  
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**Colombo 01**  
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Issue of Bidding Document is from 12.00 hours on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 till 12.00 hours on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 during office hours.
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