**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

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| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFP#202503043 Sea Urchin Survey Vessel Support |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Department of Marine Resources |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | April 15, 2025 |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | April 17, 2025 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | April 28, 2025, no later than 11:59 p.m., local time. |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto:Proposals@maine.gov) |

**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.**

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| **1** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | Where will MOBE/DEMOBE occur? |
| **Answer** | |
| We load basic gear onto the vessel in Boothbay Harbor, ME but gear, including used tanks and staff will come off the vessel each day at various locations depending on how much of an area is sampled each day. | |

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| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | How long will the vessel survey for? (12 or 24 hours) How much time will be spent at dock? |
| **Answer** | |
| A typical day would depart by 6:30am and return to port by 6-7pm. The remainder of the day will be tied at dock. | |

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| **3** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | What is the schedule for survey trips? Continuously for entire PoP or in segments? |
| **Answer** | |
| We intend to work as many days per week as weather allows, roughly following the proposed time frames in the RFP. So, while work is not continuous, it could be for 4 or 5 days in a row followed by a few days off then begin again. | |

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| **4** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | If segmented during PoP, will vessel be required to stay in ME? |
| **Answer** | |
| While the vessel would not be required to stay in ME. It would be expected to be on site with short notice based on weather and logistics. A decision to work may be made with only 12 hours notice. | |

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| **5** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | How many divers need to be provided? (part a. suggests one, part c. suggests three total) |
| **Answer** | |
| Vendor would provide one diver to cover the entire survey. Reference to the space needed for three divers includes the scientific staff from DMR that work in water alongside the vessel provided diver. | |

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| **6** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | Will fuel be provided? |
| **Answer** | |
| Fuel is not provided. | |

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| **7** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | Is there a map or list of survey locations in order to estimate PoP fuel? |
| **Answer** | |
| The exact locations for this round of surveys is being selected but does cover the coast of Maine from York to Eastport including many offshore islands. | |

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| **8** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | Will vendor be required to find dockage? |
| **Answer** | |
| Yes, the vessel will need to provide dock space for themselves and access to load and unload gear each day. | |

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| **9** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Part II, pg 7 | Is there a certain vessel length that is preferred? |
| **Answer** | |
| Successful vessels in previously issued RFPs on this project have been a typical lobster style vessel with easy ingress for divers. Approximately 40’ LOA | |