

STATEMENT OF WORK FOR WATER TAXI SERVICE FOR COMNAVSURFLANT UNITS

SOW Part A-General Information

A.1 INTRODUCTION

This requirement is to provide water taxi service for Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic (CNSL) assist teams, Afloat Training Group (ATG) visits, Engineering Assessments Atlantic (EAA) and other personnel to train and support all Navy afloat units operating in the VACAPES region, year round. Personnel will be transported between a TBD location and an afloat vessel via water taxi.

A.2 BACKGROUND

Several training and certification events have been cancelled or postponed due to the inability of assessors to reach particular vessels during inclement weather. These schedule changes have a ripple effect on the overall ship's certification and training/deployment cycle. Navy RHIBs are small and more susceptible to weather conditions than a large, covered water taxi. Transporting personnel via military aircraft is much more costly, difficult to schedule and further constrained by inclement weather.

SOW Part B-Work Requirements

B.1 Provide Water Taxi Service to and from afloat units for up to 50 personnel with baggage (1 sea bag per person). Request a one-year contract with a four-year option.

- Multiple boats may be used to transport personnel as long as all boats match requirements in B.2.

- If a ship requires both inbound and outbound transfers, they will be conducted in succession if possible and be charged as one trip.

- Request will be made NLT 48 hours of required transfer date. There are no restrictions on the hours of the day that trips can be made.

- Afloat vessel will make every effort to be within three (3) miles of shore to facilitate maximum passenger capacity aboard taxi vessels during times when cold weather licensing restrictions apply.

- Personnel transfers are restricted at sea state 6 and higher.

B.2 Water Taxi Requirements

- Water Taxi must adhere to the requirements of "Navigation And Vessel Inspection Circular Subj: Guidance On The Passenger Vessel Safety Act Of 1993."

-Water Taxi will be enclosed and heated and accommodate a minimum of 10 passengers with baggage.

-Water Taxi will be able to operate in sea state up to and including 5.

-Water Taxi will comply with all applicable United States Coast Guard regulations to include life-saving equipment and communications equipment.

-Water Taxi will provide all equipment that is unique to their vessel in order for passengers to safely board U.S. Navy Cruisers (CG), Destroyers (DDG), Landing Ship Dock (LSD), Landing Platform/Dock (LPD) and Multi-Purpose Amphibious Assault Ships (LHD). Requesting unit will ensure all shipboard required boarding equipment is safe and ready to use. (specifically the water taxi will be properly fendered to come alongside a US Navy vessel without damaging it.

-Water taxi will have a minimum of two operators. The Master will have a minimum of 2 years experience boarding vessels