Public Interest Certificate

This public interest certificate is issued under section 22(1) of the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018*.

I hereby state that it is not in the public interest for the following procurement(s) by the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications to be suspended while complaints under section 18 of the Act are being investigated or while applications for injunctions under Part 2 of the Act are being considered.

Reference ID(s):

RFT:10029942

Approach to Market Close

29-Nov-2024 11:59 AM

Date and Time

Procuring Entity

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development,

Communications and the Arts

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Category (UNSPS Code)

25110000

Description

The Department is seeking to establish a standing offer panel arrangement for the Pilot (**Panel**), and to enter into a Deed of Standing Offer with one or more successful Tenderers to provide suitable commercial cargo vessels that deliver the objectives set out in the Draft Deed of Standing Offer, including to:

a) establish a Strategic Fleet of Australian flagged and

crewed vessels;

b) provide the Commonwealth with certainty of access to the Strategic Fleet for requisition to move cargo in times of need, crisis

or national emergency; and

c) support a training and workforce environment that encourages and grows Australia's sovereign maritime skills.

Signature of accountable authority or delegated official:

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Chief Financial Officer

Finance, Budget, and Governance

00 August 2024