

## Questions and Answers for RFQ 1305M323QNFFK0067

### Medium Range Lobster ROV Gear Inspection

1. A possible issue is that a small vessel may not be designed with enough overnight accommodations as it is only 55'.

Would OLE accept an alternative approach quote for "long day" operating beyond 12 hours in a given day but when the vessel returns to the port of operation, passengers would need to disembark for a hotel or other accommodations. Accommodations would also be needed for the additional crew members required to operate beyond 12 hours.

Or could trips be quoted for 12 hours dock to dock, returning to a port each night?

*Single 12+ hour days with no overnight is what OLE prefers quoted as an alternative approach to the requirements in the SOW. A mission would leave in the early morning of one day and still offer a full day at sea to haul/inspect. Early morning hours often present the most opportune weather conditions so we want to make it to support being in our intended offshore mission area in the morning.*

*If days at-sea are longer than 12 hours on the smaller vessel, and it is not possible to return to port for overnight, OLE would like to see a quote on 12 hours dock to dock using the smaller vessel. In this case it is even more important that the vessel be staged in the closest mainland port in Northern/Southern New England based on the offshore mission operational needs.*

2. If a Contractor is working from a port that is not their own, it could complicate the seized gear scenario. If a Contractor seizes gear, they will need to transit to their port in order to off load it onto their dock and then continue with the mission from whatever port they are working out of.

*If gear is seized on any mission the Contractor would not need to return to the operational port for another day mission but instead would set a course for the homeport most suited to offload of the seized gear.*

3. Another possible issue is the dockage required to run these missions. Would NOAA be handling the dockage directly or does the Contractor need to estimate the dockage costs and build it into the quote?

*OLE may be able to assist in securing dock space for desired operational ports for staging the smaller vessel or for touch-and-go space to pick up enforcement personnel. All cost associated with dockage cost should be built into the Contractors quote.*