

This information is repeated. It is the same as the Purpose of the RFI.

#### The British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority (‘BVIHSA’) is soliciting information from potential service providers for the provision of medical evacuation services via a sea vessel from the sister islands of Virgin Gorda and/or Jost Van Dyke to Tortola.

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British virgin islands health services authority

**Request For Information**

***for the Provision of WATER AMBULANCE Services***

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#### *The “RFI” must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked*

#### *“RFI- WATER AMBULANCE SERVICES”*

#### *addressed to: Dr. Ronald Georges, Chief Executive Officer, BVI Health Services Authority*

#### *Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands*

#### *Closing Date is Wednesday 16th October, 2019*

**BACKGROUND:**

The British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority is a statutory body of the Ministry of Health and Social Development that delivers health care to persons residing in the Virgin Islands. The Authority consists of a hospital and eleven public health clinics located on four main islands - Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke. The main island, Tortola, has nine of the eleven clinics and the main hospital, Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital (previously known as Peebles Hospital). Clinics located on the sister islands - Jost Van Dyke, Anegada and Virgin Gorda - provide primary, domiciliary and urgent care. Patients that are acutely ill, requiring advance care, are transported to the hospital located on Tortola.

**PURPOSE of RFI:**

The BVIHSA is requesting information from relevant service providers to determine the availability of the required service in the Territory and to ascertain the possibility of acquiring such a service for the provision of a reliable and efficient medical transportation service to transfer patients from Virgin Gorda to Tortola and/or from Jost Van Dyke to Tortola for medical care.

The RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes. Therefore, it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Quote (RFQ), or a promise to issue an RFP or RFQ. The RFI does not commit the BVIHSA to contract for any supply or service. Responders are advised that the BVIHSA will not pay any cost incurred in response to RFI. All costs associated with responding to RFI will be solely at the interested party’s expense. Not responding to the RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP or RFQ. The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding on the BVIHSA. All submissions become the property of the BVIHSA and will not be returned.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS:**

The British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority seeks information on the requirements and service specifications for the safe, effective and timely transfer of patients from the sister islands, primarily Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke to Tortola. The vessel should permit the following:

* Minimum of 35 ft X 13ft length
* Catamaran with outboard diesel engines capable of traveling at 35-40knots; Minimum diesel fuel tank 20 Gallons and gas 120 Gallons
* Radio navigational aids (ADF) Satellite Global Navigational System, including navigational radar, light compass, radio equipment for water navigation
* Deck should consist of Hand and grab rails, hull access hatches, boarding doors, tie up cleats, roof access ladder, battery lockers, hydraulic bow door. It should also have LED navigation and lights and flood deck lights.
* 360 degree beacon warning lights
* Horn
* Boarding doors should be sizeable (minimum of 3ft wide) to enable the safe loading and unloading of persons on a stretcher
* The cabin should be a covered, insulated and paneled area for the patient and personnel. It must include secured seating for personnel accompanying the patient, glass windows with aluminum frames, fixed and sliding side windows and doors, and a weather tight door. It should also contain interior lights (preferably LED).
* Air conditioning Unit
* The cabin should have a fire extinguisher, carbon monoxide detector, gas fume detector, and smoke detector.
* A DC system with minimum of 12V. The outlets should be 120V or 240V, 30A shore power inlet with cord. Blue Sea Battery charger, Power efficient generator.
* Storage cabinets and storage holding area for portable oxygen and portable suction.

**INFORMATION REQUESTED:**

1. Necessary skills and capabilities: Includes recommended and relevant skills (including skills of the vessel captain), experience and vessel specifications and capabilities for the efficient provision of the medical transportation service. Please note that the service must be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
2. Technical Scope: Include recommended and necessary technical requirements for this service.
3. Service Capability: Either Tortola/Virgin Gorda, Tortola/Jost Van Dyke, or both.
4. Pricing: Feel free to discuss industry recommended cost ranges for the cost of providing the medical transportation service.
5. Certifications: List any relevant certifications that should, or should not be a requirement for the provision of the service. The following are mandatory certifications that the BVIHSA would require from the service provider:

* Trade License
* Certificates and registration of the vessel, engine
* Inspection certificate of the vessel
* Licensure and qualifications of operators to provide 24 hour services.

**RESPONSES:**

1. Responses are due no later than **4:30pm on October 16th, 2019**. Responses shall be limited to 10 pages and two (2) copies must be submitted at the Office of the CEO, British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority, Road Town, Tortola. The responses shall be addressed to:

**Dr. Ronald Georges**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**BVIHSA**

1. Proprietary information, if any, should be limited and MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. To aid the BVIHSA, please segregate proprietary information. Please be advised that all submissions become the Authority’s property and will not be returned.
2. Although no specific format is required, the following information should be included in any response, in addition to the requested information found in section ‘Information Requested’ above: a) Business/Service Provider’s name; b) Name and title of individual issuing the response; c) Mailing address and email address; d) Phone number e) designated point of contact.

**QUESTIONS:**

Questions regarding this announcement shall be submitted in writing, by e-mail only, addressed to Dr. Ronald Georges, CEO, BVIHSA and sent to the Executive Secretary’s email address **aksmith@bvihsa.vg**. Verbal questions will NOT be accepted. Questions will be answered individually and shall not contain proprietary or classified information. The BVIHSA does not guarantee that questions received after **October 9th, 2019 at 4:30pm** will be answered.