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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

**TIME CHARTERING OF ICE CLASS VESSEL FOR THE INDIAN
SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA.**

NCPOR/14(102)/26

Director, National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research (NCPOR), an Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India invites sealed tenders under “Two Bid System” (Cover-I : Technical Bid and Cover-II : Financial Bid) for time charter of one Ice Class Vessel for Indian Antarctic Expedition for a period of 100 +/- 30 days at Charterers option for austral summer season i.e. between December 2026 and April 2027 with charterers option for extension of charter at same rate, terms and conditions for 1+1+1+1 subsequent seasons being 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30 & 2030-31 depending upon the requirement and performance.

Tender document can be downloaded from NCPOR website (www.ncpor.res.in)

Last Date/Time for Submission: 07 September 2026/ 17:00 Hrs IST

Bids for this tender will be accepted through ONLINE MODE only. Manual bids will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Group Director (Antarctic Operations)
National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research

Tender No. NCPOR/14(102)/26

Dated: 30 July 2026

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1.	Tender No.	:	NCPOR/14(102)/26
2.	Description	:	Time Charter of One Ice Class vessel capable of independent navigation with continuous speed of 1.5 knots to proceed/ breakthrough in compact even ice of 1.2m thickness with snow cover of 0.2m and suitable classification equivalent to 1 A Super [Finnish-Swedish Ice Class Rules (FSICR)] having double skinned hull. The vessel should be sea-worthy in all respects, suitably equipped with all the necessary facilities/utilities and sufficiently experienced crew for ship's operation, maintenance and cargo handling for voyage to and operations in Antarctic waters. Detailed specification and operational requirements of ice class vessel are at Annexure-I.
3.	Charter Period		For a period of 100 +/- 30 days at charterers option during austral summer season. The Charterers option for extension of charter for subsequent season(s) to be exercised by Charterers in the month of April for the subsequent year. The option shall be exercised by charterers based upon the performance of each season.
4.	Delivery Period	:	05 th – 10 th January 2027 for the season 2026-27. For subsequent years, the delivery period shall be intimated at the time of exercising the charterers option of extension of charter period (Tentatively 15 th -20 th December)
5.	Delivery/Re-delivery		Alongside berth at Cape Town, South Africa or Mormugao, India.
6.	Endurance	:	At least 90 days stay in Antarctica Water, besides the voyage time to and from Antarctica.

7.	Area of operation	:	The likely areas of operation in Antarctica are Prydz Bay, Lasermann Hills and India Bay between Latitude 66 degrees to 70 degrees South and Longitude 80 degrees to 06 degrees East.	
8.	Last date and time for submitting tender	:	07 September 2026, 17.00 hours IST (+5:30 UTC)	
9.	Date and time of opening of bids	:	a) Technical Bid b) Financial bid(for Technically qualified bidders)	09 September 2026, at 14.00 hours IST (+5:30 UTC) Within three weeks from the date of opening of Technical Bids, date shall be informed later.
10.	Bid Bond	:	INR 15,000,000.00 OR US \$165,000.00 in the form of Bank Guarantee or Demand Draft or equivalent Net amount	
11.	Bid validity	:	90 days from the last date of submission of bid.	
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13.	Delivery cum Performance Bank Guarantee by the successful bidder only	:	a. Amount-5% of contract value of one-time charter season. The contract value to be taken as Mobilization and De-Mobilization Charges + Day hire charges x 100 days + any other charges, excluding victualling and communication charges. b. Validity-60 days beyond time charter period tentatively as 30 June 2027 and subsequent years. c. If charters exercise option for time charter for first/second/third/fourth/fifth season being 2026-27 and 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30 and 2030-31 the ship owner/ contractor shall extend the validity of Performance Bank Guarantee for the succeeding seasons or shall submit a fresh performance bank guarantee 30 days before the expiry of the performance bank guarantee of the concluding season.	
14.	Correspondence Address	:	Group Director (Antarctic Operations) National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research (NCPOR) Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India (MoES) Headland Sada, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa - 403 804. (India) logistics@ncpor.res.in	

The tender will be governed as per the enclosed instructions to bidders – Annexure II and terms and conditions of the charter party.

Bidders are advised to submit the bid complete in all respects as per requirement of tender document clearly specifying their acceptance to all the clauses of bid evaluation criteria, terms & conditions and compliance to the technical specification, mandatory requirement etc; for the vessel offered by them. A draft Model charter party giving details of terms and conditions is appended as Annexure -XI.

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