Introduction

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS), is soliciting letters of interest from U.S. buyers with the capacity and ability to purchase and gain ownership of the M/V Malaspina. The State of Alaska has received numerous inquiries into the vessel and is limiting this request to U.S. buyers that intend to retain the ship in Alaska. A letter of interest should include all relevant information of the buyer’s intent for the use of the vessel and outline any efforts that could be made to preserve the vessel’s historical value and positively promote the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Letters of interest that propose scuttling the vessel are not being considered at this time.

Alaska DOT&PF encourages U.S. buyers with interest in purchasing the vessel to respond to this Request for Interest by Monday, March 7th, 2022.

Background Information

The MV Malaspina is named after the Malaspina Glacier, located in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, the largest piedmont glacier in the world. The vessel was designed by Phillip F. Spaulding and Associates of Seattle, Washington, and constructed at the Puget Sound Bridge & Dry Dock in Seattle.

The MV Malaspina is designed to carry 450 passengers and has a vehicle capacity of 1,675 linear feet, which is equal to approximately 83 twenty-foot vehicles. There are 45-Four Berth, 26-Two Berth, and 1 wheelchair-accessible cabins. The vessel is also equipped with observation lounges, a heated solarium, a cafeteria-style restaurant, a movie lounge, showers, coin-operated lockers, microwaves, writing, quiet lounges, and a child's play area in addition to cabins. See the Vessel Information Table for more statistical information.
Vessel Details:

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<th>Type of Vessel</th>
<th>Roll-on/Roll-off Passenger/Vehicle Ferry</th>
<th>Domestic Tonnage (Gross)</th>
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<td>Year Built</td>
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<td>Hull Material</td>
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<td>Length</td>
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<td>Beam (at main deck)</td>
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<td>Displacement (long tons)</td>
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<td>Loaded Draft (feet-inches)</td>
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<td>International Tonnage (Gross)</td>
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The vessel is powered by two 4,000 horsepower Enterprise Main Engines and includes three Caterpillar 3508, 560 kW Auxiliary Generators.

Additional Information

The following documents can be found online at:

- 2008 Malaspina Fleet Condition Survey Report
- 2011 Malaspina Fleet Condition Survey Report
- 2013 Malaspina Fleet Condition Survey Report
- 2017 Malaspina Fleet Condition Survey Report
- 2019 Malaspina Fleet Condition Survey Report
- Malaspina General Arrangement Drawings

Response Information

Interested parties are invited to include the following in a letter of interest.

- The name, address, email address, and phone number of the primary contact person
- A detailed description of your company’s ownership
- A detailed description of your company’s intentions for purchasing M/V Malaspina
- Indicate where the vessel will be residing
- Documentation demonstrating that you are technically and financially capable of relocating, refurbishing, operating, and maintaining the vessel.
- Any considerations to preserve the vessel’s historical value and positively promote the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Responses to this RFI are for informational purposes only and shall be held confidential until the state closes the sale of the M/V Malaspina.

It is the responsibility of the interested party to follow up with the procurement officer listed below to ensure the response was received prior to the time and date specified.

This RFI does not extend any rights to prospective vendors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation for the sale of the M/V Malaspina.

Procurement Officer Contact Information

Interested parties must submit a written response to the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 pm prevailing Alaska Time on March 7th, 2022. Responses may be emailed to the following address:

dotstatewideprocurement@alaska.gov

Point of Contact:

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Division of Administrative Services