

1. NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research (NCPOR), an Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences Government of India, invites Global Sealed tender under “Two Bid System” for chartering of one Helicopter in the prescribed bid form enclosed herewith. The details of the tender are given below: -

1.1.	Tender No.	AL-11026(25)/1/2025	
1.2.	Description	Chartering of 01 No. (One) Bell 407, Aérospatiale AS350 / Squirrel (AS 350 B / B1 variants), Airbus H130 / EC130 or any equivalent model with similar payload capacity, endurance along with an experienced crew for providing aviation support during the forthcoming 46th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA) suitable for operations from both a vessel and land and capable of carrying passengers or cargo (within the cabin or as underslung load) and conducting flights over open water, ice fields and mountainous terrain in extreme polar conditions.	
1.3.	Contract Period	Tentatively between January 2027 to April 2027. Exact period shall be intimated on finalization of tender.	
1.4.	Last date and time for submitting tender	Thursday, 10 September 2026/17:00 Hr (IST).	
1.5.	Opening date and time of tender	a) Un-priced Technical Bid	Friday, <u>11 September</u> /14:00 Hr (IST)
		b) Price bid opening (for Technically qualified Bidders)	Within two week from the date of opening of Technical Bids. Shall be informed later.
1.6.	Bid Bond	INR 5.0 Lakh OR US \$7000.00, should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee as per “PROFORMA OF BANK GUARANTEE TOWARDS BID-BOND (Annexure 10)”	
1.7.	Bid validity	90 days from the date of opening of Cover 1-Technical bid	
1.8.	Bid Bond validity	120 days, comprising 90 days from the date of opening of Cover 1 – Technical Bid, plus an additional 60 days permitted for completion of evaluation procedures in case of unforeseen delays.	

1.9.	Delivery cum Security Deposit (Performance Bank Guarantee)	To be submitted by the successful bidder upon receiving the letter of Intent from NCPOR a. Amount-5% of contract value of one-time charter season (2026-2027). b. Validity-60 days beyond time charter period tentatively as 30 Jun 2027. c. If charterers exercise the options for extension for second/third/fourth/fifth season being 2027-28, 2028-29, 2029-30 and 2030-31 the company shall extend the validity of Performance Bank Guarantee for the succeeding seasons or shall submit a fresh performance bank guarantee 15 days before the expiry of the performance bank guarantee of the concluding season.
1.10.	Contract Value for the purpose of Performance Bank Guarantee	The contract value for one expedition shall be calculated as follows – for the 2026–27 season, it will be 50% of the mobilization/demobilization cost at Cape Town, South Africa, plus 50% of the mobilization/demobilization cost at Mormugao, Goa, India, plus the day hire charges multiplied by 100 days, plus the hourly charges multiplied by 60 flying hours.
1.11.	Port of Mobilization-De- mobilization 2026-27	Cape Town, South Africa or Mormugao, Goa, India.
1.12.	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 instruction to bidders.

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 helicopter offered by them. A draft Model charter party giving details of terms and conditions are appended as Annexure -XI.

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Sd/-
Group Director (Antarctic Operations)
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