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THREE BIDS RECEIVED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MID-SIZE FERRY

VICTORIA – BC Ferries has received three bids in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued in October for the construction of a new 125-car intermediate size ferry. The RFP closed Monday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m.

A total of three shipyards that were shortlisted during a prequalification process have submitted a bid in response to the RFP:

- Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. (Washington Marine Group) of North Vancouver
- Allied Shipbuilders of North Vancouver
- Remontowa S.A. of Poland

The new vessel will allow for the retirement of the Queen of Tsawwassen, which is nearing the end of its service life.

BC Ferries will spend the next several months evaluating the bids in detail and expects to make an announcement about a contract award this summer.

The evaluation criteria for the RFP will include design and construction plan, delivery schedule, price and payment terms, adherence to BC Ferries' shipbuilding contract, and ability to provide financial guarantees.

The selection process, as well as the bid evaluation process, follows the same steps and similar timelines as was included in the Super C-class contract award that was won by Flensburger Shipyard of Germany.

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