



## **Request for Proposals (RFP) Ship Charter and Equipment 2021 Cruise**

**EXTENSION Deadline: Monday, July 27, 2020; 4:00 pm (Atlantic Time)**

OERA, in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mines (NSDEM), is leading the planning for a research cruise over portions of the Scotian Slope during the summer of 2021. Proposals are being sought from companies with the capability to conduct the cruise and undertake the ROV and coring activities described in the RFP.

This work had been the subject of a previous Request for Proposals (RFP) and a decision had been issued by the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) that would have allowed the importation of a foreign flagged vessel to conduct this work in 2020. Due to ongoing requirements arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, OERA and NSDEM determined that conducting the work in 2020 would not be feasible. As a result, we are again requesting proposals to undertake this work.

The maximum budget for the scope of work set out in the RFP has been set at \$1.45 million (Canadian). This has been established based on the total budget for the research program of which this is a component. Bids in excess of this amount will be deemed non-compliant and not be considered.

The vessel will provide a platform for the scientific team to collect samples and

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data, and to carry out preliminary analytical work. The scientific team will consist of approximately 12 individuals from the University of Calgary, Saint Mary's University, Natural Resources Canada, APT Canada Ltd. and possibly other organizations. Many of the team members have been on previous cruises and have worked together on a joint basis to accomplish the scientific objectives of those cruises. The vessel owner and any subcontractors will provide all ship crew as well as operators for the ROV and coring equipment. The charterer will appoint a chief scientist who will act as the principal liaison between the scientific team and the ship captain and officers. The ship equipment to be provided are expected to be fully capable of enabling the attainment of scientific outcomes from the cruise as set out in the RFP.

This RFP was released on June 29, 2020 and will now close on July 27, 2020 at 4 pm Atlantic Daylight Time.

**We encourage you to forward this to your contacts who may have an interest in responding.**

For full information on the Request for Proposals and how to apply, please [CLICK HERE](#).

*Please note, OERA may, at its sole discretion, reject any and all, or parts of any and all, proposals; postpone or cancel at any time this RFP process; waive any minor irregularities in the RFP or the responses received as a result of this RFP.*

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