

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (2) ON THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) TO DESIGN AND DEVELOP ELECTRIC HARBOUR CRAFT IN SINGAPORE

Purpose of EOI

Question 1 What does MPA aim to achieve with the outcomes of the EOI?

Answer Through this EOI, MPA seeks to facilitate partnerships between the research community and industry players to develop electric harbour craft that meet or surpass the technical requirements as set out by the EOI. Best-in-class designs that are able to meet MPA's licensing requirements can be ready-to-market. MPA is prepared to coordinate and facilitate the work with EOI participants with good electric harbour craft designs but do not fully meet the EOI technical requirements and with the research community, to further refine the designs.

The EOI will also support the mandatory harbour craft design review and approval process by MPA from 2027 (e.g. setting of key performance requirements, developing Design Guidelines for designers and design reviewers including design considerations and technical requirements, harmonising Rules for Classification of electric harbour craft in Singapore, etc.).

Intellectual property

Question 2 How will MPA handle the sharing of intellectual property (IP)?

Answer The IP in the information contained in submitted Proposal(s) shall remain vested in the owners. The EOI shall have no effect on background IP. This includes IP arising from projects under the Maritime Innovation and Technology (MINT) Fund which may be jointly owned by MPA and other stakeholders. This is no different from existing practises adopted by the Government to manage IP.

In the case where MPA receives good electric harbour craft designs but do not fully meet the EOI technical requirements, MPA intends to partner the research community to work with identified partners from the EOI to further enhance the design of the electric harbour craft. All IP arising from the ensuing collaboration shall, at the first instance, be the property of the relevant stakeholders in such proportions as they may determine and be governed by the relevant agreements.

As part of the submission for the EOI, MPA would also like to request of Participants to provide relevant information that they are prepared to share with the public (i.e. sanitised Proposal or images in PDF format), as publicity collateral for MPA's use for communication and

outreach towards the harbour craft industry where feasible (e.g. during international maritime events in Singapore such as the International Safety @ Sea Week 2023, Singapore Maritime Week 2024, etc).