



# Expression of Interest

**Wholeship Eyeplates**

**Hunter Class Frigate Program**

**BAE SYSTEMS**

Maritime Australia

## Acronyms and Definitions

Abbreviation	Definition
<b>AIC</b>	Australian Industry Capability
<b>ASCS</b>	ASC Shipbuilding
<b>AUD</b>	Australian Dollars
<b>BAE</b>	BAE Systems Maritime Australia
<b>EOI</b>	Expressions Of Interest
<b>GCS-A</b>	Global Combat Ship-Australia
<b>HCFP</b>	Hunter Class Frigate Program
<b>NATA</b>	National Association of Testing Authorities
<b>OQE</b>	Objective Quality Evidence
<b>RAN</b>	Royal Australian Navy
<b>RAP</b>	Reconciliation Action Plan
<b>T26</b>	British Type 26 Global Combat Ship

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

BAE Systems Maritime Australia are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) to supply ships with Wholeship Eyeplates for the Hunter Class Frigate Program (HCFP).

BAE Systems Maritime Australia has been contracted to design and build nine future frigates for the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The BAE Systems Future Frigate offering, also known as the Hunter Class GCS-A (Global Combat Ship – Australia) is a variant of the British Type 26 GCS (T26).

The Hunter Class Frigates will be built at the BAE Systems Maritime Australia Facility in Osborne, South Australia. The program requires maximisation of Australian content.

Cut Steel for Prototyping took place in December 2020 and First of Class is due in December 2022.

A Request for Tender (RFT) will be sent to down selected parties that have expressed interest closer to this time.

## **2. SCOPE**

The purpose of the Capability Questionnaire is to establish the feasibility of prospective industrial partners to BAE Systems Maritime Australia for the Hunter Class Frigate Program (HCFP).

Suppliers will be required to supply Wholeship Eyeplates secured throughout the ship to facilitate lifting and fleetting of equipment. Eyeplate capability depends upon the equipment to be lifted and/or fleetted.

The HCFP will require maximisation of local content in Australia.

## **3. MATERIALS**

All equipment shall be suitably protected against corrosion for the environment in which it shall be operated.

Each eyeplate shall be marked with its relevant SWL and an indication of batch number, month and year of manufacture. This mark shall be clear and not jeopardise the structural integrity of the forging.

All eyeplates shall be proof tested. Proof testing shall be carried out to 2 x SWL of each eyeplate in the vertical (straight-out) direction. Test Certificates and Certificates of Conformity per batch shall be provided.

An additional three from every batch shall be taken to break load. Reports must be supplied which outline the above and all results obtained.

All of the above must satisfy LRS Rules of Manufacture, Testing & Certification of Materials

#### **4. PRE-QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE (GENERIC)**

1. Does your website provide a detailed description of your Company's capability? If yes, provide the appropriate link.
2. Are you an Australian registered company? If yes, provide your ABN details.
3. Are you an Indigenous company and registered with Supply Nation? If yes, provide a link to your profile on the Supply Nation Website or other supporting evidence.
4. Do you have a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in place? If yes, please attach evidence.
5. How many Indigenous/Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders are employed within your organisation? Stipulate whether the employees are Full Time or Part Time.
6. Provide details of the company's management organisation structure and full time headcount. Attach evidence/organisation structure.
7. State level of Professional Indemnity, Product and Public Liability and Work Cover Insurance coverage.
8. Please state what quality certification and accreditations you hold? Please attach evidence.
9. Do you hold Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) Membership? If yes, please state what membership level you hold. \*DISP membership is a requirement for all contracts.  
  
Refer to the [DISP Webpage](#) on information regarding DISP Membership and how to apply.
10. On Time Delivery – Are you able to consistently provide on time guarantee service to agreed time frames?
11. How do you self evaluate and analyse your performance? Please provide any data / reports you have examples of?

#### **5. PRE-QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE (SPECIFIC TO THE REQUIREMENTS)**

1. Provide full details including value and location of previous major defence, maritime or commercial projects in which your company has delivered Wholeship Eyeplates?
2. Do you have capability to manufacture Wholeship Eyeplates locally in Australia? If yes, please provide examples of local content manufacture. If not, please provide country of origin and estimated percentage of Australian Industry Capability content.
3. Please attach evidence of the quality standards you currently manufacture to.
4. Have you got the capability of modifying standard parts to meet bespoke requirements?

5. Does your organisation have an understanding and ability to test in accordance with Lloyd's Registers rules for surface ships? If Yes; please elaborate.
6. Do you have a clear understanding of the requirements for providing Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL) and Objective Quality Evidence (OQE) documentation? Please provide examples of experience.
7. Stipulate any further competitive discriminators currently not identified.

**Closing date for Expression of Interest:**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April 2021**