ANNEX C

ATTACHMENT 2

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1. The Contractor shall provide water taxi services as required for U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and Military Sealift Command vessels. The price shall include a driver or operators (and any helpers or crew members, as required), all insurance, fuel, holiday surcharges, and other operating expenses.

2. The Contractor shall ensure that the water taxi is in sound mechanical condition and meets all safety standards required by local laws and regulations to preclude breakdown and injury. Maintenance, safety, and other periodical inspections shall be performed as required by the applicable laws and regulations of the port or the country in which the port is located. Apart from compliance with local laws and regulations, the Contractor shall meet all additional requirements as set forth through the Statement of Work. Water taxis shall be watertight, staunch, strong, seaworthy, in sound mechanical condition, and fitted for service required. Further, water taxi shall be in a clean condition when presented for service and shall be free of debris. The water taxi shall be sufficiently clean so as not to soil passengers, their clothing, or possessions with dirt, grease, oil, or other matter. If the water taxi does not meet the requirements of this paragraph as determined by the Contracting Officer/Ordering Officer, the U.S. Government shall have the right to reject the water taxi for performance of services.

3. The Contractor shall ensure that all water taxis are fully licensed, registered, and insured, including adequate liability insurance, in accordance with federal and/or local laws and regulations.

4. Each water taxi shall be equipped with at least one clean and serviceable life jacket for each passenger and crew member, and all jackets shall be stowed in a readily accessible place.

5. Except as otherwise specified herein, the service

shall include all equipment needed to transport personnel between the vessel at anchor and the fleet landing or other designated pier or berth within the port. If it becomes necessary to change the landing point of the water taxi (pier or berth), the Contractor shall dock at the new landing point at no additional cost to the Government.

6. All water taxis used by the Contractor shall be covered.

7. Before the commencement of any services under this contract, the Contractor shall make the vessel available to the requiring vessel's Commanding officer or designated representative for inspection.

8. The following information shall be conspicuously posted in English and the language of the country in which the port is located, if applicable:

(a) Current operator's/captain's license.
(b) Passenger/weight capacity limit notice.
(c) Location of life jackets and other life saving equipment.
(d) Location of all exits indicated in large letters.
(e) Emergency procedures.

9. Emergency lighting, both permanent and hand held, shall be available and in working order at all times.

10. Operation of the water taxi shall be in a safe and seaworthy manner.

11. The consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted aboard the water taxi.

12. Operator Qualifications: All personnel or employees, of the Contractor operating water taxis, shall have all certifications/licenses required and issued by the law of the country in which the port is located for the operation of the type, class, or size of water taxi being operated by such personnel. In addition, all such personnel shall have requisite experience, skill, knowledge, and familiarity with the local area in which the water taxis are to be operated to ensure the water taxis are operated in a safe and seaworthy manner.

13. Security: During the term of this contract the ship(s) to be serviced will provide adequate and sufficient security personnel for maintaining the orderly transportation of its personnel and such civilians who may be transported. Such personnel will be assigned at the discretion of the ship's Commanding Officer or designated representative. When a Boat Officer is embarked in a Contractor's operated water taxi, he will be responsible for

the good order and discipline of naval personnel.

14. In the event of a water taxi breakdown, immediately prior to, or during a trip, the Contractor shall provide a replacement water taxi that complies in all respects with this contract, at no additional cost to the government.

15. Any personal articles or items found on the water taxi after completion of each trip shall be turned over to the ship's personnel.

16. To verify a claim by the Contractor for any damage or destruction caused by the Government, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that the water taxi is jointly inspected before and after each trip by the Contractor and an authorized representative of the Government.

17. For purposes of this contract, "full day service" is defined as 18 hours of continuous service.

18. "Additional hour" is defined as each additional hour of continuous service over and above 18 hours/day. Must be continuous following initial 18 HRS of service.

19. When providing water taxi service to aircraft carriers and amphibious helicopter carriers, the water taxi height depends on CV deck overhang and pontoon width, i.e., the wider the pontoon the farther out the water taxi will be located with subsequent increased clearance. The requirement is that pontoon width/water taxi height/deck overhang dimensions must be such that the water taxi is able to make aft, port and starboard side approaches with adequate clearance between water taxi superstructure and CV deck overhang.

20. Cancellation. In the event service is canceled due to adverse weather conditions, late arrival/early departure of ship, or any other circumstances that require the ship to cancel services, the Contracting Officer/Ordering Officer shall negotiate an appropriate cancellation fee, based on pro-rating completed services (trips), with the Contractor.

21. Inspection and acceptance criteria for water taxi services. The Commanding Officer or his designated representative of the USS/USNS/USCGC ship shall inspect and accept all liberty boats/water taxis <u>prior</u> to transporting any U.S. personnel, military or civilian. Each order for liberty boat/water taxi services is made on the basis that the request is to be considered a final order/obligation of the U.S. Government only <u>after</u> each water taxi has been inspected and accepted by the ship's representative. The ship's Commanding Officer is solely responsible for the safety of his crew and the subsequent acceptance of liberty

boat/water taxi services.

22. The Contractor shall ensure that all water taxis provided under this contract comply fully and in all respects with the following specifications. These specifications will be used as a guideline by Commanding Officers in their inspection of water taxis prior to acceptance.

23. In the event the Government rejects a water taxi, the Government shall not be liable for any costs the Contractor incurs in presenting said water taxi for inspection.

WATER TAXI SPECIFICATIONS

a) HULL -

* Watertight integrity of weatherdecks, bulkheads, watertight closures and interior hull structure;

* Superstructure (including masts and stacks);

* Railings, bulwarks and their attachment to hull, especially guardrails and lifelines;

* Provisions for drainage of sea water from exposed decks.

b) MACHINERY -

* Main propulsion and auxiliary machinery essential to operation of craft;

* Sea and bulkhead closure valves;

* Bilge suction strainers and dewatering systems - bilge pumps to be tested by operation;

* Bilges free of flammable liquids.

c) ELECTRICAL -

* Cables;

* Navigation, deck and emergency lighting;
* Rotating electrical machinery, (generators/motors);
* Storage batteries.

d) LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT -

* Life preservers - each boat shall be equipped with at least one clean and serviceable life jacket for each passenger and crew member. All jackets shall be stowed in a readily accessible place;

* Life rafts and hydrostatic release (where applicable) sufficient for maximum boat capacity;

* First aid kits, life-rings and distress lights;

* Distress signaling devices.

e) FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT -

* Fire pump - subject firehose to fire pump pressure;

* Portable fire extinguishers;

* Fixed systems, e.g., CO_2.

f) STEERING APPARATUS

g) MTSC SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT -

* Harbor charts;

* Ground tackle and mooring lines;

* Whistle/fog horn, bell;

* Lighted compass;

* Radar (if required);

* 2-way radio capable of bridge-to-bridge communications.

h) CAPACITY -

* Each boat shall be capable of transporting the stated minimum number of passengers in compliance with weight restrictions.

i) POSTING - The following information shall be conspicuously posted in both English and Spanish:

* Current operator's/Captain's license;

* Passenger/Weight Capacity Limit Notice;

* Location of life jackets and other life-saving equipment;

* Emergency procedures.

j) EMERGENCY LIGHTING -

* Permanent and hand held - shall be available and in working order at all times.

k) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -

* Prohibited at all times aboard the boat (operators and passengers).

l) BOAT OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS -

* Contractor personnel shall have all certifications/ licenses required and issued by the country's government for the boat, as well as the requisite skills to operate the boat in the required area(s). Operators shall speak and understand English and shall be well rested prior to beginning of shift/operation of boat.

m) SECURITY -

* The U.S. ship/vessel agrees to provide adequate and sufficient security personnel for the purpose of maintaining the orderly transportation of its personnel. These personnel will be assigned at the discretion of the ship's Commanding Officer. When embarked in a contractor-operated boat, a Boat Officer will be responsible for the good order and discipline of U.S. military and/or civilian personnel. The assigned Boat Officer shall have the authority to refuse boarding or to order a return to port.

LANDING PLATFORMS

In order to accomplish loading and unloading of passengers from water taxis in a manner which will ensure the safety of passengers, the Contractor shall also provide appropriate landing platforms or barges. Landing platforms serve as a buffer between water taxis and anything abreast of the ship, and shall be sufficient in length to provide for safe embarkation and disembarkation of passengers. In the event that water taxi services are cancelled and/or discontinued in accordance with paragraph (20) above, landing platforms/breasting barges shall be removed and any fees associated with such removal shall be included in the water taxi cancellation fee. A separate cancellation fee for cancellation and removal of landing platforms/breasting barges is NOT authorized.