



CMAL welcomes announcement of CalMac as preferred tenderer for CHFS contract

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Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) has welcomed the announcement today of the preferred tenderer for the next contract to operate the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS). The contract, lasting up to eight years, will begin on 1st October 2016 and the preferred tenderer status has been awarded by Transport Scotland to CalMac Ferries Ltd, the current operator of the service.

Kevin Hobbs, CEO of CMAL said:

“We have worked with CalMac Ferries Ltd over the first nine years of this service and we look forward to continuing our working relationship when the formal procurement process is concluded.”

It is the Scottish Government’s intention to award the contract to CalMac Ferries Ltd following a standard 10-day standstill period.

The Scottish Government’s official announcement release can be found at this link:
<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/CalMac-secures-ferry-contract-24da.aspx>

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Notes to editors:

1. CMAL own 31 ferries and lease one further ferry. All 32 vessels are leased to the operator, CalMac Ferries Ltd, for use on ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides. In addition, three ferries are currently under construction.

2. In addition to its ferries, CMAL own property at piers and harbours at 26 locations throughout Scotland and is embarking on a programme of investment and improvements, which will create better facilities.
3. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
4. For more information about CMAL visit: cmassets.co.uk