



Gladstone Ports Corporation

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GPC's Call for Towage Services

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is calling for tenders for its towage services in Gladstone for a potential eight year term.

Towage services at the Port of Gladstone are currently provided by a single operator under an exclusive licence arrangement.

The licence commenced on 1 January 2011 following a competitive tender process and is due to expire at the end of this year.

GPC CEO Peter O'Sullivan said the Corporation is again pursuing an exclusive arrangement.

"GPC has carefully considered arrangements for the provision of harbour towage moving forward," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"We believe an exclusive licence, similar to what we are using now, will provide the most effective and efficient environment to ensure the safe handling of vessels within the Port of Gladstone."

The Expressions of Interest process has now begun.

"All interested parties will be fairly considered for the award of the new exclusive licence," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"We are confident this process will ensure that prices and service levels are competitive for the duration of the licence to benefit all Port users."

The Port of Gladstone is unique in that the types of trade and vessels at Gladstone require a higher average number of tug jobs per vessel call.

It is also Queensland's largest multi-commodity port, with the world's fourth-largest coal export terminal.

Other products traded through the Port include LNG, alumina, aluminium and bauxite.

GPC has consulted the State Government, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, as well as its major customers, throughout the process to date.

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