

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - PROVISION OF “CALL WHEN NEEDED” HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER OPERATIONS – DPI08/23 dated 21 August 2008**

**Clarification for prospective Applicants**

**Clarification No. 1 (Issued 29 August 2008)**

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) wishes to advise all prospective Applicants of the following information.

**Question:** Clarification is requested regarding the reference to “*engine (maintenance) time*” in section 10.1 [Charge Time] of Part F, which states:

*“Charge time relates to engine (maintenance) time ferrying to the task and on a tasked job. Charges for ferrying are to be based on the most direct flight path between point of departure and destination, having regard for any necessary deviation for fuel and other stops, for safety or navigational purposes, or to avoid restricted airspace.”*

Does the terminology mean total engine time or total flight time?

**Answer:** The reference to engine time means the total flight time on the Flight Operations Return, from takeoff to landing, based on the most direct flight path as explained further in section 10.1. The total time may include a small allowance for additional time taken ferrying the Aircraft on and off the airstrip, when refilling the aircraft with chemical during operations and/or for warming up or down in accordance with good industry practice.

This will not include engine running time when aircraft are waiting to be tasked to an operational job for any extended period of time. It is expected that aircraft will be shut down between tasks.

If an operator is in the process of completing a tasked spray job and another task is **assigned immediately**, the operator may claim engine time as they continue operations.

This Clarification is an Addenda to Part E [Statement of Requirements] and forms part of the Invitation for Expressions of Interest in accordance with Sections 7.2 and 15.6 of Part B.

If you have any questions regarding this Clarification, please contact Suzanne Robinson at NSW DPI on telephone (02) 6391 3680 or email [aerial.contracts@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aerial.contracts@dpi.nsw.gov.au)