



Heather Butler, MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

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Tenders Open for Statewide Maritime Skills Program

Tenders for nationally recognised training aimed at boosting skills in Tasmania's maritime and associated industries are now open.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said today that Skills Tasmania had invited tenders from registered training organisations to bid for the 2009 Tasmanian Skills Investment (TasSkills) Maritime Program, which was worth around \$250,000.

"This important initiative involves the delivery of the Marine Engine Driver 3 training program and the Master Class 5 training program, which are both aimed at those employed or seeking employment in the State's maritime and associated industries," Ms Butler said.

Ms Butler said that industries that rely on maritime operations including fishing, aquaculture, transport and tourism are among Tasmania's, most valuable and contribute significantly to our export income.

"To support the continuing prosperity of these important industries we need to ensure they have access the very best maritime training we can provide."

Tenders close at 2pm on Wednesday 25 March 2009.

For more information, contact 6233 4614, email skillstasmania.purchasing@education.tas.gov.au or log on to www.skills.tas.gov.au