

**Annotation to agenda Item 4.5: AMSA II (D) Specially Designated Arctic Marine Areas**

We refer to the project documents of the AMSA II (D) Specially Designated Arctic Marine Areas project and to previous discussions at PAME plenaries.

**Status**

The tender has been postponed owing to the delays in the AMSA II(D)-report which is to be the basis for the project. The tender was issued at the Doffin and TED (Tenders Europe Daily) databases on Friday 1. February 2013. The deadline for submission of bids for the tender is 5 February 2013. After that the co-leads/selection committee will assess the bids and award the contract (ca. 15 March). The award will be followed by a ten day standstill for any appeals to the award.

**The milestones:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Milestone</b>
Signing of contract	3 April 2013
Inception meeting/ teleconference with co-leads	Week or 14 or 15, 2013
Deliverable 1: revised work plan from consultant	One week after inception meeting/teleconference
<i>Status report submitted to SAOs (to be done by PAME)</i>	<i>1. March 2013</i>
<i>Status report submitted to MM (to be done by PAME)</i>	<i>1. May 2013</i>
Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting (MM)	Mid May 2013
First draft report	16 May 2013
AMSA II C/II D bridging workshop	June 2013
Second draft report	15. August 2013
Presentation of second draft report at PAME II-2013	Mid September 2013
Final report	1. November 2013
Presentation of final report at PAME I-2014.	Ca. February/March 2014
<i>Presentation of Final report at SAO and deputy ministerial meetings (to be done by PAME)</i>	<i>Ca. March/May 2014</i>