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## Consideration of NPFC Contracts

### Abstract

This paper is presented in response to requests from Members to review a list of contracts in place to deliver the work of the Commission, along with outputs received. A table listing contracts along with outputs is provided.

### Context

The attached list of contracts contains the major contracts undertaken on a regular basis, as well as contracts where individuals are engaged for their expertise. In some cases, competitive processes have been used to engage the expertise (e.g., domestic labor attorney and international legal consultant, VMS provider). There are other contracts for phone, internet, FAX, water, as well as the range of meeting venue costs (room rental, hospitality, wifi) that are not included.

The contracts have been organized by Administrative, Science, Compliance, and Other. Many of the contracts listed as administrative provide cross cutting services such as rapporteur and database/web operations but are provided in one place for ease of reference.

The contract with the highest value is for the Transshipment Observer Program, albeit not funded from the General Fund (assessed contributions).

The Vessel Monitoring Scheme is the most sizeable contract paid out of the General Fund. This has been renewed for a second time and will enter its 7<sup>th</sup> year after COM10.

The contract for database/web services is also significant with some aspects being supported by voluntary contributions for specific items (e.g., EU and China Voluntary Contributions) listed under Other. The range of database contracts reflects the expanding scope of the work of the Commission and the age of the existing database and reporting infrastructure (requiring maintenance and upgrades).

**List of major contracts and outputs**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Outputs received</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>				
Eighty Options		USD 63,000 (¥9,765,000)	2025	Annual database and website operations – regular operations and maintenance
Eighty Options		USD 9,900 (¥1,584,000)	2025	Address denial-of-service attack affecting email with Sendgrid email system for Circulars
Eighty Options		USD 13,022 (¥1,953,349)	2025	Project to update Member account Management and simplify operations as well as allow managed access to collaboration site for accredited observers
Amazon Web Services		¥1,500,000 annually	2025	Variable by the month depending on usage. Web cloud services
Urban Connections		¥4,713,400	2025 into 2026	Meeting rapporteur (COM, TCC, FAC, SC, SSC, TWG, SWG MSE)
Shin Kato	¥200,000 per month		2025	Intern
Jiyu Wang	¥200,000 per month		2025	Intern
TOWA	¥1,200,000 per year		2025-2026	Annual financial audit
Jeremy Craig	300 USD per hour	up to 30 hours	2025	Accounting consultant (QuickBooks) verify our data entries on semi-monthly basis

Azusa Tanikawa / Kreston ProWorks HR Services Corp	¥30,000 per hour	3 hours in 2025	2025-2026	Domestic Labor and Social Security Attorney (sharoushi) – advice on health insurance, travel insurance, accident insurance, labor conditions
TOZAI Sogo Law Office	¥45,787 per hour	1 hour	Retainer	Domestic law firm - Reviewing the TOP contract related to exclusion of “liquidated damages”
Camille Goodman	550 USD per day	25 hours	2025-2026	Retainer for international legal consultations (e.g., TOP Contract in 2025)
Noriko Sugimoto	¥900,000 per year	¥900,000	2025	Event Planner, Coordinator for the SC/TCC/FAC/COM
<b>SCIENCE</b>				
Larry Jacobson	580 USD per day		2025	External Consultant for PS NSAM
Quang Huynh and Tom Carruthers, Blue Matter Science	500 USD per day		2025	External Consultant for PS NSAM and MSE
Maite Pons / Ricardo Amoroso		¥2,142,700	2025	External Consultant for BFME (includes travel)
Joel Rice		9,000 USD (¥2,266,537)	2025	External Consultant for CMSA (includes travel)
Rujia Bi		¥1,513,425	2025	External Consultant for the NFS, Science

<b>COMPLIANCE</b>				
CLS	USD 260,229 (2024-2026), ¥39,034,350	¥12,500,533 (April 2025)	2024-2026	Vessel Monitoring System Implementation – 3 year contract paid in three instalments.
Gunther Errhalt	¥7,500 per hour	up to 40 hours	Feb - Mar 2026	External Consultant to review ongoing issues with the Vessel Registry data
Jihwan Kim	68.92 USD per hour	up to 30 hours	2025	VMS / transshipment data analysis as input into Secretariats reports to TCC09
<b>OTHER</b>				
MRAG		>2,000,000 USD annually	2025-2028	Transshipment Observer Program service provider (user paid by offload vessels)
Eighty Options		1,000 USD (160,000 JPY)	2025	Address API issues to absorb China’s historical transshipment data – China VCF
Eighty Options		18,750 USD (¥3,000,000)	2025	Develop database for new observer report function of Transshipment Observer Program – China VCF
Eighty Options		45,000 Euro (¥8,250,000)	2025	Developing prototype science database and improved reporting dashboard (EU voluntary contribution)
Shin Kato		¥250,000	2025	Support reporting to EU - EU VCF.