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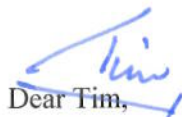
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IHB Support to MEIP-Working Group


Dear Tim,

1. Thank you for your letter dated 20 May addressed to the IHB regarding feedback on particular aspects of support to the Maritime Economic Infrastructure Programme (MEIP). My apologies for delay in responding - no excuses!
2. Under paragraph 3.ii of your letter you seek information on the mechanisms available for the MACHC to bid for capacity building or other funds. There are currently two possibilities that you could consider:
 - a) Submit a project to the Capacity Building Sub Committee, in accordance with CB Procedure 1 (www.ihb.int > Capacity Building > Procedures). You should note that the CB Fund can only be used for start-up projects and those projects must also be aligned with the CB Strategy (www.ihb.int > Capacity Building > Strategy). This may be problematic in the case of software/database development and implementation.
 - b) Submit a project directly to external donor agencies, according to the guidance provided in the IHO Publication M-2 (www.ihb.int > Standards&Publications > Download > M-2).
3. With respect to the future governance and management of the MEIP (paragraph 3.iv of your letter), the Secretariat of the IHO does not have the mandate or the resources to support such an activity at the moment. Such activity is not included in the 2013-2017 IHO Work Programme as approved by the XVIII IHC.
4. In relation to paragraph 3.iii, the IHB presented Document *IRCC5-12A* on the status of the development of the C-55 GIS Database during the recent meeting of the IRCC in Wollongong. This may be of interest to the MEIP development.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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