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Addendum No. 01

File Reference Number: RFP 2025 049

Title: Environmental Natural Heritage and Species at Risk Study, NB RRC

RE: Clarifications/Questions

Please refer to the following information/clarification:

Item 1: The RFP identifies that you would like a full suite of species at risk surveys, including breeding birds and turtles (which is appropriate given the records for the area). However, with the timing of the RFP closing (June 13), it is very likely that the window for breeding birds will be missed this year or it will be very tight (very latest recommended date is July 10 and there should be two surveys, at least 10 days apart). The RFP also identifies that the records review should be done before any field work. What is the anticipated date the contract will be awarded?

Answer: Please note, ONTC acknowledges these tight, species-specific timelines, and will ask Respondents to budget their proposals accordingly as if all study items are to be carried out, and should strive to work to complete as much field study work as possible during 2025 work season. Should 2026 follow-up study work be required for some items, this will be further evaluated and discussed between ONTC and the Successful Respondent upon award. Respondents are encouraged to outline any potential suggestions/deviations for the work program within their proposal. It is expected that records review work may be completed congruently with the expedited site investigations. ONTC expects contract Agreement execution with the Successful Respondent in very short order following procurement closing, targeting the week of June 16. Overall, ONTC is open to further discussing potential deviations/additional needs and scheduling changes with the Successful Respondent to ensure thorough study work is completed for the site.

Item 2: Similarly, we have missed the window for turtle basking surveys which is the most effective method for surveying blanding's turtle (and other species). We could deploy traps but this is much more labour intensive and costly.

Answer: Please refer to ONTC response above for clarity. Note, ONTC acknowledges these tight, species-specific timelines, and will ask Respondents to budget their proposals accordingly as if all study items are to be carried out. Intrusive turtle traps not recommended/advised at this time. Should potential turtle basking surveys (or other surveys) be required to be carried over to 2026 to fill study gaps, Respondents should outline in their suggestions/ deviations, accordingly, and ONTC will commit to further discussing with the Successful Respondent upon contract award, to ensure robust study.

Item 3: Would there be consideration for spring 2026 surveys given the timelines?

Answer: Yes, please see responses above for clarity.

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFP.

Regards,

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