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**Addendum No. 01**

**File Reference Number: RFQ 2025 116**

**Title: Supply and Delivery of New 115lb Rail**

**RE: Clarifications/Questions**

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**QUESTIONS:**

**Item 1:** The end destination provided on the bid is Englehart, ON, however, the railroad is only providing rates up to North Bay, ON. A "Gateway Identification Code" is identified in the RFQ documents, Can ONTC please confirm if it would be acceptable to utilize North Bay as the final destination?

**Answer:** ONTC advises that it will accept rails at the interchange as indicated in the RFQ documents, and then move the cars on ONTC property as required.

**Item 2:** ONTC mentions obtaining transportation costs for the gateways (North Bay, Rouyn and Hearst), however, Appendix B states "*Delivery of new rails shall be via rail car to Englehart, ON*". Can ONTC please clarify if transportation costs from the gateways to Englehart are to be included?

**Answer:** ONTC advises that the successful proponent will be responsible for shipping costs up to ONTC property. ONTC will then deliver the rails across its rail system accordingly.

**Item 3:** Would ONTC consider extending the submission deadline by one week, to January 16, 2026?

**Answer:** Yes, ONTC is agreeable to extending the closing date / submission deadline by one week.

Please note that the new closing date / submission deadline will be **Friday, January 16, 2026 at 2:00:00 PM EST.**

**CLARIFICATIONS:**

**Item 4:** Appendix E notes that Chinese rail will not be accepted. Would ONTC please clarify the reasoning behind this requirement?

**Answer:** Please be advised that the statement contained in Appendix E “*Chinese rail will not be accepted*” shall be deleted and replaced with the following: “*Foreign rail will only be accepted if it meets all steel requirements for Class 1 Railroads in Ontario (and in Canada) in accordance with Transport Canada’s federal regulations and Ontario Provincial Standards Specifications (OPSS), CSA Standards, A.R.E.M.A. Manual, Railway Association of Canada (RAC), the Railway Safety Act and Track Safety Rules.*”

*Respondents are required to provide evidence of testing upon delivery in order to ensure that these requirements have been met.”*

Please see revised Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications / Requirements.

**Item 5:** ONTC has elected to include Appendix H - References as part of the RFQ package. Please see Appendix H - References, attached to this Addendum No. 01.

**Please note that Appendix H - References will form part of Section C - Mandatory Submission Requirements of the RFQ Package.**

The RFQ Documents have been revised and sections affected are noted below. The revised RFQ sections supersede all previous RFQ Document versions for the said documents.

#### **Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications / Requirements**

<b>Delete Document:</b>	<b>Replace with Revised Document:</b>
Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications / Requirements	Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications / Requirements (Addendum No. 01)

#### **Appendix H - References**

<b>Add Document:</b>
Appendix H - References

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFQ.

Regards,

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## APPENDIX E - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

Respondents acknowledge that they can comply with Appendix E - Specifications / Requirements.

(Check one) YES \_\_\_\_\_; NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Respondents must complete the Chart below and shall include as an attachment to this Appendix E supporting documentation and information to support the specifications/requirements required.**

Respondents must meet all of the minimum specifications/requirements identified in Appendix B - Specifications. Respondents who cannot meet all of the minimum specifications/requirements below will be disqualified. ONTC is committed to procuring goods and services through a process that is conducted in a fair and transparent manner, providing equal opportunity to vendors.

If the respondent finds any discrepancy, errors or omissions in the specifications, it shall be their duty to inform ONTC and ONTC shall promptly verify same.

Respondents shall indicate with a checkmark whether the 115lb rail being proposed complies with the specification. Respondents may include attachments when insufficient space is available.

### Specifications

Requirements	Will Comply
21,120 feet of new 115 lb, RE, high strength rail, 370 HB per A.R.E.M.A. chapter 4. Rail will be supplied in 80 foot strings of rail. Ends of 80 foot strings to be drilled according to drawing TS-1111.	
Sealed request for proposal submission is for the supply of any or all rail requirements as specified in the RFQ Documents (including specifications included in Part 3 of the RFQ Documents).	
Respondent to price in Canadian or US funds, delivered to Englehart, ON and shall include tariffs, shipping, applicable duties, customs clearance and any other associated costs. Identify taxes separately and payment terms to apply. For the purpose of evaluating price, ONTC will use the exchange rate posted at the time of RFQ closing for proposals quoting US dollars.	
Delivery of materials is <b>May 1, 2026</b> . Please state the latest date an order must be placed to achieve delivery by this date. Otherwise, state the best possible delivery upon receipt of firm order	

Submission should be valid for acceptance for a minimum of 90 calendar days from the closing date.	
<p>The Gateway Identification code for the shipping by rail and obtaining transportation costs for same are as follows:</p> <p>North Bay: ONT 101  Rouyn: ONT 357  Hearst: ONT 770</p>	
ONTC will accept delivery prior to <b>May 1, 2026</b> ; however, invoices cannot be sent until that date.	
<p>Foreign rail will only be accepted if it meets <u>all</u> steel requirements for Class 1 Railroads in Ontario (and in Canada) in accordance with Transport Canada's federal regulations and Ontario Provincial Standards Specifications (OPSS), CSA Standards, A.R.E.M.A. Manual, Railway Association of Canada (RAC), the Railway Safety Act and Track Safety Rules.</p> <p><b>Respondents are required to provide evidence of testing upon delivery in order to ensure that these requirements have been met</b></p>	

## APPENDIX H - REFERENCES

Respondents must provide three (3) references from Class 1 Railroads in North America for which they have provided identical proposed rail within the last five (5) years. References must promote the use of the proposed rail. ONTC is **NOT** to be listed as a Reference.

*ONTC reserves the right to disqualify Respondents with poor references and/or Respondents that are unable to provide the required references.*

### Reference #1

Company name	
Location	
Description of services provided	
Start and end dates	
Value of the contract	
Contact person name and title	
Phone	E-mail

### Reference #2

Company name	
Location	
Description of services provided	
Start and end dates	
Value of the contract	
Contact person name and title	
Phone	E-mail

### Reference #3

Company name	
Location	
Description of services provided	
Start and end dates	
Value of the contract	
Contact person name and title	
Phone	E-mail