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Addendum No. 01

File Reference Number: RFP 2026 063

Title: Engineering Support Services and Stage II Mining Hazard Assessment for Cobalt, ON
RE: Clarifications/Questions

This Addendum forms part of the solicitation documents and is to be read, interpreted, and coordinated with all other parts of the procurement documents.

The following amendment is hereby issued:

Item 1: If meals are included in the bid submission budget, can they be billed to the project? Section 8.0 of the Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive states consultants will not be reimbursed for meals unless specified in the agreement.

Answer: Proponents should include in their pricing submission any estimated expenses they believe may be eligible for reimbursement under the resulting Agreement and the Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive. Inclusion of an estimated expense in the pricing submission does not guarantee reimbursement. Any actual reimbursement will be subject to ONTC approval, compliance with the Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive, and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. Proponents are responsible for ensuring that any expenses identified as reimbursable are eligible under the resulting Agreement and applicable Directive requirements.

Item 2: Can expenses related to accommodations be reimbursed if included in the bid submission budget?

Answer: Proponents should include in their pricing submission any estimated accommodation expenses they believe may be eligible for reimbursement under the resulting Agreement and the Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive. Any actual reimbursement will be subject to ONTC approval, compliance with the Directive, and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. Inclusion of an estimated expense in the pricing submission does not guarantee reimbursement.

Item 3: Due to the scope of work, a site-specific support vehicle is required. Will the rate (daily/weekly) for the vehicle be reimbursed if included in the bid submission budget?

Answer: Proponents should include in their pricing submission any estimated vehicle related expenses they believe may be eligible for reimbursement under the resulting Agreement. Any actual reimbursement will be subject to ONTC approval, compliance with the resulting Agreement and applicable requirements, and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. Inclusion of an estimated expense in the pricing submission does not guarantee reimbursement.

Item 4: If consultants are able to be reimbursed for the above, should these expenses be included in Part C of the Price Submission Form or Part D?

Answer: For evaluation purposes, ONTC will evaluate the Total Maximum Price, including both the Upset Limit pricing in Part C and any estimated expenses identified in Part D. Proponents should therefore include in Part D any anticipated expenses they believe may be eligible for reimbursement under the resulting Agreement. Expenses that are not intended to be separately reimbursed should be incorporated into the Proponent's overall pricing. Any reimbursement following contract award will remain subject to ONTC approval, compliance with the resulting Agreement and the Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive, and submission of appropriate supporting documentation.

Item 5: Would ONTC be open to facilitating a site visit for the bidders to confirm some of the logistical requirements for the drilling investigation?

Answer: Please note, ONTC does not have plans to host a pre-bidding site visit at this time. Vendors should refer to available background information and associated reporting in developing their bid. A preliminary site visit may be arranged with the successful vendor upon contract award.

Item 6: Can we drill from the mainline track into crown pillar zones through the slabs?

Answer: Yes, drilling investigation work within the rail right of way will be feasible. ONTC will facilitate safe access to the rail right of way and provide safety flagging and all related instructions to work crews, as required.

Item 7: Please describe the site access requirements for vein no. 15 and vein no. 16.

Answer: It is expected that these sites will be reasonably accessed from ONTC's rail right of way. ONTC will facilitate safe access to the rail right of way and provide safety flagging and all related instructions to work crews, as required.

Item 8: Can we drill from outside of the right of way of ONTC? If allowed who will be coordinating the access permission?

Answer: Any proposed drilling investigation work recommended or required offsite will be further evaluated and confirmed with the successful vendor following contract award. Consultants should identify where there may be specific needs related to adequate hazard delineation and/or safety. Note, ONTC will coordinate any/all access permissions with third parties, as required.

Item 9: If anticipated needing to cross the mainline and siding for the investigation, is this allowed? Will ONTC be facilitating track protection and additional requirements?

Answer: Yes, this will be feasible. ONTC will facilitate safe access to the rail right of way and provide safety flagging and all related instructions to work crews, as required.

Item 10: Please describe the site access requirements for shaft no. 1 (73815) and the slope to surface (73818).

Answer: Please be advised that it is expected that suitable access points for this site work will be further evaluated and confirmed with the successful vendor following contract award. ONTC will coordinate any/all access permissions with third parties, as required.

Item 11: What is the maximum time in any one-time block we can foul the mainline track?

Answer: Proponents should be advised that this may vary depending on a range of factors, including day/time and ONTC operational needs. However, several hour work blocks at a time may reasonably be expected before immediate tracks must be unfouled and temporarily cleared to accommodate passing rail traffic.

Note, ONTC will provide all required safety and logistical instructions, protections and procedures for any work within the rail right of way.

Item 12: Does the soil composite in Table 1 refer to a composite of the depth interval (0-0.3/0-0.5 m depth interval) of a discrete sample (15/20 locations of discrete samples)?

Answer: Yes, ONTC has requested composite samples of the stated depth intervals at this time. Should Vendors suggest any alternate or value-added approach, they should clearly indicate in their methodology.

Item 13: Sample methodology for Site No. 03 includes mini excavator, is that a prescribed method, and is the cost associated with a subcontractor to be carried by the consultant?

Answer: ONTC has included this particular guidance as a recommendation. All associated costs related to the work program should be accounted for in the Vendor bid. Should Vendors suggest any alternate or value-added approach, they should clearly indicate in their methodology.

Item 14: Are the personnel rates expected to be carried through 2028 and 2029 as part of Activity 3? Or are we able to include a clause stipulating a percentage increase in subsequent years? If so, where should we include the percentage rate increase for 2028/2029 rates - in the pricing envelope or under assumptions, exclusions and limitations within the technical envelope?

Answer: Please note, to account for this, ONTC requests that Vendors clearly outline their personnel rates per Fiscal Year (FY) within the Appendix D – Price Submission Form, Part A – Proponent Personnel table.

Specifically, Vendors should enter this information within the “Personnel Rate (\$/hr)” column (please refer to example below)

Example:

Part A – Proponent Personnel Complete the following table in respect of all proposed Proponent Personnel that will perform the Services and/or provide the Deliverables over the duration of the work term (please add rows, as needed). Note, for any/all proposed Sub-Contractor arrangements, Proponents are required to complete the Part B table below.		
List the names of Proponent Personnel who will be assigned to the Project	Role / Experience Level	Personnel Rate (\$/hr)
Example: John Smith	Project Manager	150\$/hr (FY2027) 160\$/hr (FY2028) 170\$/hr (FY2029)

Item 15: In Table 1 of the RFP, it lists the bulk parameter testing required, one of which is “general chemistry”. Can ONTC specify which parameters they would like included in that package?

Answer: ONTC will request Vendors budget and reasonably account for tests for general chemistry, including pH, alkalinity, total organic carbon (TOC), cations/anions, nutrients (nitrogen/phosphorous), sulfides, cyanides, hexavalent chromium. Discretion should be given to the Qualified Person (QP) retained by Vendor.

All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged.

Regards,

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