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Addendum No. 01

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Title: Rail Incident Response and Recovery Services

RE: Clarifications/Questions

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Appendix D - Schedule of Prices

Item 1: Schedule A contains a call-out fee plus emergency and non-emergency rates across six line items and five years. Would ONTC clarify how these rates will be combined or weighted to arrive at the price used in the scoring formula? Specifically, will estimated quantities or weightings be applied, and will optional Years 4 and 5 be included in the price evaluation?

Answer: ONTC advises that pricing will be evaluated using a Total Evaluated Price methodology. ONTC will apply estimated quantities and/or weightings to the rates submitted in Schedule A for evaluation purposes only. The estimated quantities and weightings are intended solely to provide a common basis for comparing submissions and do not represent guaranteed volumes of Work. Pricing submitted for all contract years, including the two (2) optional extension years, will be included in the price evaluation.

Item 2: Schedule B - Equipment: Would ONTC clarify whether the hourly equipment rates in Schedule B are billable in addition to the Schedule A hourly rates, or are the Schedule A rates intended to be inclusive of all equipment?

Answer: ONTC advises that as detailed in the instructions section of Schedule A - Cost Breakdown, the rates provided in Schedule A shall be inclusive of all labour, supervision, equipment, tools, materials, overhead, administration, profit, transportation, mobilization, demobilization, and all other costs necessary to perform the Services. Accordingly, the hourly equipment rates submitted in Schedule B are provided for informational purposes only and are not intended to be billed in addition to the rates submitted in Schedule A. Schedule B will not form part of the price evaluation.

Item 3: Schedule C - Labour: Are the labour rates in Schedule C billable in addition to Schedule A rates, or are they intended only for additional or out-of-scope work? Additionally, as Schedule C does not contain separate year columns, are these rates expected to remain fixed for the full contract term, including the optional extension years?

Answer: ONTC advises that Schedule C is provided for contract administration purposes only and is not intended to be billed in addition to the rates submitted in Schedule A for Services that fall within the scope of the Contract. Schedule C labour rates may be used where ONTC requests additional services outside the scope of the Contract or where otherwise authorized in writing by

ONTC. As Schedule C does not require year-specific pricing, the rates submitted shall remain firm for the initial Contract Term and any exercised optional extension years, unless otherwise provided for in the Final Agreement.

Item 4: Mobilization Rate – Schedule A, Item 1: Would ONTC clarify the basis of the per-kilometre mobilization rate? For example, is it calculated one-way or round trip, and is it applied per crew, per unit of equipment, or per response? Does the rate apply to road transport, rail transport, or both?

Answer: ONTC advises that the Mobilization Rate shall be expressed as a per-kilometre rate and will apply to the distance travelled from the Proponent's point of dispatch to the incident location and return. The rate shall be inclusive of all costs associated with mobilizing personnel, equipment, vehicles, and resources required to respond to an incident. The Mobilization Rate applies on a per-response basis and is intended to cover mobilization by the means necessary to perform the Services, whether by road, rail, or a combination thereof.

Item 5: Would ONTC provide its definition of “Emergency” versus “Non-Emergency” work for the purpose of applying the applicable rates?

Answer: For the purposes of this RFP, an Emergency is an unplanned incident requiring an immediate response to address actual or potential risks to safety, the environment, railway operations, property, or the continuity of service. A Non-Emergency is planned or non-urgent work that can be scheduled in advance and does not require an immediate response. ONTC reserves the right to determine, acting reasonably, whether a particular assignment is classified as Emergency or Non-Emergency based on the circumstances at the time the Services are requested.

Item 6: Would ONTC be able to provide historical information regarding the approximate annual number, type, and general location of incidents requiring these services? This would assist us in appropriately planning resources and developing our pricing.

Answer: ONTC is unable to provide historical incident data. The frequency, type, severity, location, and operational requirements associated with incidents requiring these Services can vary significantly from year to year. There may be periods during which no Services are required, while in other periods multiple incidents may occur. Proponents should develop their submissions and pricing based on their own assessment of the requirements set out in the RFP.

Item 7: For incidents occurring on rail segments without road access, including areas north of Cochrane, will ONTC provide rail transportation for the contractor's personnel and equipment? If so, could you please clarify how mobilization to and from these locations would be compensated?

Answer: Yes, ONTC will provide rail transportation for the Contractor's personnel and equipment where Services are required in locations that are not accessible by road, including rail segments north of Cochrane. In such instances, the Mobilization Rate will not apply, as ONTC will be providing the transportation required to access the incident location. The Contractor may charge the applicable hourly service rates for personnel and equipment while engaged in the mobilization process to and from the incident location, provided such personnel and equipment are dedicated to the response and actively mobilizing in support of the Services.

Item 8: Appendix B, Section C, Item 3 directs proponents to complete Sections 1.0, 3.2 and 6.2 of the Buy Ontario Act Compliance Form; however, the form does not appear to contain a Section 6.2. Could you please confirm which sections proponents are required to complete (for example, Sections 1.0, 3.2 and 5.2)?

Answer: ONTC confirms that the reference to Section 6.2 of the Buy Ontario Act Compliance Form was included in error. Proponents are required to complete Sections 1.0, 3.2, and 5.2 of the Buy Ontario Act Compliance Form, as applicable. The RFP documents shall be read and interpreted accordingly.

Item 9: Section 1.7.6 states that proposals shall remain irrevocable for the Irrevocability Period “as specified in the RFP Timetable”; however, an Irrevocability Period does not appear to be listed in the timetable. Could you please confirm the applicable Irrevocability Period?

Answer: ONTC confirms that references to an Irrevocability Period contained in Section 1.7.6 and Appendix C - Submission Form, Item 10 were included in error. Section 1.7.6 and all references to an Irrevocability Period in Appendix C, Item 10 are hereby deleted in their entirety and shall not apply to this RFP. Proponents are not required to maintain their Proposals for any specified Irrevocability Period.

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFP.

Regards,

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