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Addendum No. 02

File Reference Number: RFQ 2026 093

Title: Supply and Delivery of Industrial Portable Vacuum System

RE: Clarifications/Questions

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Item 1: Will ONTC accept two (2) 2-cubic-yard hoppers connected in series in the vacuum airflow path, each forklift-transferable with a sealed lid and dust-controlled discharge, providing 4 cubic yards in a single run?

Answer: Yes. ONTC will consider alternative configurations, including two (2) hoppers connected in series, provided the proposed system delivers a minimum total collection capacity of four (4) cubic yards, maintains the required operational performance, includes sealed lids and dust-controlled discharge, and meets all other requirements of the RFQ.

Item 2: Is the 850 CFM minimum measured at the unit inlet, or at the end of the 100-foot hose run? At what vacuum level, and what hose diameter and type are to be used for the Performance Guarantee test?

Answer: The 850 CFM value is intended as the manufacturer's rated airflow for the vacuum unit. The 100-foot hose requirement is intended to demonstrate the system's ability to effectively collect and convey material under typical operating conditions. Note that the booth where the Vacuum will be used is 98 foot long. ONTC will assess overall system performance during FAT and SAT rather than requiring a specific airflow measurement at the end of the hose.

Item 3: The specification table states "approximately 4,900 lbs or equivalent," while Figure 1 appears to state 4,900 kg (10,800 lb). Which is correct, and is weight a mandatory requirement or an approximate guide?

Answer: The weight requirement identified in Appendix F remains as specified. The discrepancy between the conceptual drawing and the specification table is acknowledged; however, proponents shall complete Appendix F in accordance with the stated requirements. Where a proposed unit does not meet a specified requirement exactly, proponents shall provide details of the proposed equivalent in the "Details" column for ONTC's review and assessment. The proposed equipment must be of comparable size, capacity, and configuration and must meet all performance, safety, mobility, and operational requirements of the RFQ.

Item 4: Under what operating conditions is the maximum noise level of 85 dBA measured at a distance of 3 feet from the equipment (e.g., under full-load operation, with the enclosure installed, and with or without the vacuum hose connected)?

Answer: Proponents must meet or exceed the 85 dBA requirement and provide manufacturer data identifying the operating conditions under which the measurement was obtained.

Item 5: How will compliance with the requirement for 99.97% filtration efficiency at 0.3 microns be verified?

Answer: Compliance may be demonstrated through manufacturer-certified filter performance data, product literature, or independent third-party testing documentation confirming a minimum filtration efficiency of 99.97% at 0.3 microns.

Item 6: Please confirm that equivalent technologies to positive displacement are acceptable provided the vacuum performance is maintained, and how equivalence will be assessed.

Answer: Yes. The reference to positive displacement technology is intended to describe the desired level of performance and is not a mandatory design requirement. Alternative technologies will be considered provided the Supplier demonstrates that the proposed system satisfies all specified performance and operational requirements.

Item 7: Is the requirement for CSA-approved components only, or a CSA/ESA-approved complete assembly? Additionally, please confirm responsibility for any required ESA inspection and associated cost.

Answer: The complete supplied assembly shall be suitable for installation and operation in Ontario. Any certifications, field evaluations, inspections, or approvals required by the applicable Authority Having Jurisdiction shall be the responsibility of the Supplier and must be included in the Contract Price.

Item 8: Please describe the material to be collected (sand type, moisture content, bulk density, and whether it contains crystalline silica), and the number of inlet points and expected hose configuration.

Answer: The primary material is expected to consist of dry sand, grit, abrasive blasting media, and general industrial dust generated through rail maintenance and blasting operations. Material characteristics may vary. Suppliers should base their proposals on handling dry, free-flowing abrasive materials through a minimum 100-foot hose run.

Item 9: The agreement includes installation, startup, and commissioning in the Contract Price. What will ONTC provide at the North Bay location (460V/3-phase power and disconnect, pad or floor, forklift and its capacity, bins or roll-offs), and what is the Supplier's scope for electrical hookup and any utility connections?

Answer: ONTC will provide installation location, access to a 460V, 3-phase power source in the vicinity of the installation area, and site access during normal working hours.

Suppliers shall identify all installation, startup, commissioning, connection, and support requirements included in their proposal and clearly state any assumptions regarding utility connections or support equipment.

Item 10: Is the equipment to be installed indoors or outdoors? Please provide the intended location, available space and ambient conditions. Is an in-person site visit possible?

Answer: The equipment is intended to be installed inside the Blasting Bay and shall be suitable for industrial indoor operation. At this time, no additional site visit is planned. However, a non-mandatory site visit can be arranged per request.

Item 11: February 15, 2027, is Family Day in Ontario. Please confirm the effective deadline for delivery, commissioning, and training.

Answer: In recognition of the statutory holiday on February 15, 2027, ONTC is extending the Delivery Date to **March 31, 2027**. The RFQ is hereby amended, and all references to a Delivery Date of February 15, 2027 are deleted and replaced with **March 31, 2027**.

Item 12: Section 27 provides payment less 10% holdback "on the Delivery Date." Is this the actual date of delivery or the date fixed in section 14?

Answer: Final Payment will be based on the actual delivery, and acceptance of the deliverables in accordance with the Agreement.

Item 13: Appendix B states that the three (3) year warranty commences upon Final Acceptance, and Section 3.4 references commissioning. However, Section 23 of the Agreement states that the warranty period commences on the Delivery Date. Please confirm which warranty commencement date shall govern.

Answer: The three (3) year warranty period shall commence upon Acceptance Date following successful commissioning and completion of the Site Acceptance Test (SAT). Accordingly, Section 23 of the Agreement is hereby amended, and any reference to the warranty commencing on the Delivery Date shall be deleted and replaced with the warranty commencing upon Acceptance Date.

Item 14: How much notice does ONTC require to witness the FAT, and what is the expected timing and duration of the SAT?

Answer: A minimum of three (3) weeks' notice shall be provided for Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT). While the duration will depend on the Supplier's proposed testing program, ONTC currently anticipates that both FAT and SAT activities can typically be completed within one business day each.

Item 15: Extended warranty options are to be "priced separately as optional,", but Appendix E has no line for them. Where should they be shown, and will they be excluded from the price evaluation?

Answer: Extended warranty options shall be submitted separately under the Revised Pricing Schedule included with this Addendum. Optional pricing shall not be considered for the purposes of price evaluation.

Item 16: Appendix B – RFQ Particulars

Please define the scope of Item 3, "Additional Attachments/Hoses" (quantities, lengths, and tool types), and Item 2, the 1-year spare parts package (a defined list, or the Supplier's recommendation?).

Answer: *Spare Parts Package*

The Supplier shall provide a recommended one-year spare parts package based on the proposed equipment. The submission shall include a detailed listing and associated pricing.

Additional Attachments/Hoses

The Supplier shall provide optional pricing for additional hoses, nozzle assemblies, floor tools, and other compatible accessories on a separate sheet within the Pricing Schedule. Suppliers shall clearly identify applicable hose lengths, diameters, attachment types, and associated costs for each optional item.

Additionally, the conceptual arrangement drawing and all associated dimensions, weights, component layouts, and illustrations are provided for reference only and are not intended to prescribe a specific manufacturer, design, or proprietary system. Proposed alternatives that meet or exceed the stated functional and performance requirements will be considered compliant.

Item 17: The Contractor Safety Pre-Qualification Form referenced in the RFQ was not included. Please provide the form. In addition, please confirm whether the policies and procedures referenced in Appendix J will be made available to Proponents and whether Appendix I contains any additional technical specifications beyond Section 00 31 00.

Answer: Please find enclosed the Contractor Safety Pre-Qualification Form, attached as Appendix A to this Addendum.

The policies and procedures referenced in Appendix J, including the Contractors Working on ONTC Property Policy, HSP-007, HSP-008, Electrical Safety Policy and Program, Hot Work Program, and Fit for Duty Policy, will be provided to the successful Proponent upon contract award.

Appendix I does not contain any additional technical specifications beyond Section 00 31 00.

Item 18: Item 2.3 is weighted 5 points in the table but refers to a maximum of 10 points; the scoring text refers to "Appendix E" for the specifications table and Appendix G refers to "RFP 2026 093" and "Supply and Installation." Please confirm the intended references.

Answer: Item 2.3 shall have a maximum score of 5 points, as identified in the evaluation criteria.

The references in Appendix G are hereby amended to read RFQ 2026 093 – Supply and Delivery of Industrial Portable Vacuum System.

Item 19: In Appendix F, if a respondent selects "Other" and provides an equivalent, will ONTC assess it under the 3-point alternative scoring in section 2.3 rather than treating it as non-compliant?

Answer: Yes.

Item 20: Will ONTC consider comments on the draft Equipment Purchase Agreement, noting section 3.1.1 of the RFQ? In particular: delay damages under section 15; early termination under sections 41(c) and 43 as they apply to custom-built equipment; and the asset handover and AIR Form requirements in section 44.

Answer: The Equipment Purchase Agreement included in the RFQ is subject to review as part of the procurement process. Proponents wishing to propose amendments, revisions, or exceptions to any provision of the Agreement, including but not limited to Sections 15, 41, 43, and 44, must clearly identify and describe such proposed changes in the Compliance with Contract Documents Form included with their submission. ONTC will review any requested deviations in accordance with the RFQ requirements.

Item 21: Can the $5,000,000 commercial general liability requirement be met by a combination of primary and umbrella/excess coverage? Are any other coverages required?

Answer: Yes. That combination is acceptable. All insurance required is as set out in the agreement.

Item 22: Is a Clearance Certificate required of a respondent performing commissioning and training on ONTC property?

Answer: Yes. If the successful respondent is required to perform commissioning, training, or any other services on ONTC property, the respondent shall provide a valid WSIB Clearance Certificate prior to commencing work.

Item 23: Is there a maximum file size or page limit for the Technical Proposal, and may Appendix F supporting documentation be included as an attachment within the single PDF?

Answer: The RFQ does not establish a maximum page limit for the Technical Proposal. Supporting documentation related to Appendix F may be included within the Technical Proposal PDF. Proponents are responsible for ensuring their submission complies with all posting and submission requirements, including any applicable file size limitations, as set out in the MERX portal. Where supporting documentation is provided, proponents should clearly identify the applicable Appendix requirement to which the documentation relates.

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“Appendix A”