

January 8, 2025**Addendum No. 02****File Reference Number: RFP 2024 069****Title: Northeastern Passenger Rail Service – Timmins-Porcupine Station****RE: Clarifications/Questions**

Please refer to the following information/clarification:

Item 1: Please confirm that Section 32 33 00 Site Furnishings should be deleted, and items are to be as per Section 12 93 00 Site Furnishings and quantities as noted in the FFE Drawings.

Answer: Specification 32 33 00 will be removed from the package in the next addendum. Use specification 12 93 00 for site furnishings.

Item 2: Was any contaminated soil observed during the investigation phase of the project?

Answer: Please refer to the Soil and Groundwater Characterization Report provided with the tender documents which provides the applicable site condition standards and details whether or not they were exceeded in the samples collected at the Timmins-Porcupine Station site. Proponents are also reminded of their responsibility to submit a contamination management action plan as detailed in specification 01 35 41 – ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES.

Item 3: Section 22 05 7 Item 1.1 Work Included: Arrange and pay for all service connections. Can you confirm if it is the G.C. or the Mechanical Trade who is responsible for these costs?

Answer: This is at the discretion of the Proponent given the scope of the work includes all work including the work to be undertaken by the Mechanical Trade. The cost of the work should be included in the Proponent's pricing.

Item 4: Section 20 08 00 item 1,1,11. "The Contractor will hire and pay for a Commissioning Agent." Is the GC or the Mechanical responsible for procuring the Commissioning Agent?

Answer: This is at the discretion of the Proponent given the scope of the work includes all trades including the work to be undertaken by the Mechanical Trade. The cost of the work should be included in the Proponent's pricing.

Item 5: Are the OWA acoustical ceiling products by Spectra-con Group Inc acceptable alternates to Armstrong?

Answer: Any material replacement will be done according to the specifications. It is subject to review and acceptance on a case-by-case basis as per specification 01 33 00 clause 1.04.

Item 6: Would ONTC consider providing a two-week extension to the RFP Closing Date?

Answer: Yes, ONTC will agree to a two-week extension of the Submission Deadline / Closing Date for RFP 2024 069. The new Submission Deadline / Closing Date is Thursday, February 6, 2025 by 2:00:00 p.m. EST.

Please replace Proposal Form 10 of the RFP package with the Proposal Form 10 attached to this Addendum No. 02 at Appendix A.

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFP.

Regards,

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APPENDIX A

**PART 4 – FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 10
SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED APPROACH**

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Respondents shall include a proposed construction schedule with their Proposal. The construction schedule shall be in Gantt chart format, including indication of the critical path of the Work, the schedule of operations, the proposed methods of construction and sequence of Work, and the time the Contractor proposes to complete the various items of Work within the Contract Time. The schedule shall be designed to ensure conformity with the Contract Time. The Contractor shall ensure that the schedule adheres to all contractual requirements and technical submittal requirements. The construction schedule shall reflect the milestone dates listed below and include all the items described in GC 3.4.1. (Supplementary Condition 17.1).

Request for Proposal Close	February 6, 2025
Shop Drawings / Work Plan Submissions	Prior to mobilization
Mobilization to site	Spring 2025
Phase 1 – Milestone 1	October 15, 2025
Phase 1 – Milestone 2	March 31, 2026
Phase 2 – Ready-for Takeover (Completion of the Work)	April 1, 2027

Do you agree to complete the Work by no later than April 1, 2027?

Respondent confirms that they will complete the Work by no later than April 1, 2027.

(Check one) YES _____; NO _____

ONTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to negotiate project timelines with the Shortlisted Respondent in order to accelerate the construction schedule to achieve an earlier Ready-for-Takeover date; however, ONTC has established the date for Ready-for-Takeover with consideration for Northern Ontario weather conditions and strict project timelines. As such, and subject to ONTC's sole discretion, a failure to confirm that the work will be completed by April 1, 2027 may result in disqualification of the Proposal.

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PROPOSAL FORM 10 *cont'd*
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PROPOSED APPROACH

The Respondent shall provide a written narrative plan on their proposed approach for the project, demonstrating their ability and their methodology to complete the project on budget and on schedule within the timelines identified. The respondent should build in any anticipated delays, supply chain timelines and other factors to provide sufficient time in the schedule to meet provided timelines.

Evidence of a thorough review of the RFP Documents should be apparent in the Respondent's Schedule and Proposed Approach.