

**May 22, 2025**

**Addendum No. 04**

**File Reference Number: RFP 2025 015**

**Title: Tie Inspection Services**

**RE: Clarifications/Questions**

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Please refer to the following information / clarifications:

**Item 1: RFP 2025 015 – Addendum No. 02 – Reporting Requirements**

- Can ONTC please clarify what a "Start slice" and "End Slice" are?
- Can ONTC please clarify what "Non-functional" and "Functional" ties are? Is it correct to assume that non-functional ties are the same as failed ties and functional includes all other ties?
- For the FRA or TC tie requirement, can ONTC please confirm that the requirement here is a yes/no to advise whether the 39-foot window has the required number of "non-broken-through" ties depending on the stated track class?
- Can ONTC please clarify what do you mean by "Low Mile Point" and "High Mile Point"?
- Can ONTC please provide a copy of your tie-grading manual that describes good, fair, bad and failed ties?
- With respect to the Defective Tie Report, can ONTC please clarify what "Inserted" means?
- With respect to the Defective Tie Report, can ONTC please clarify what "concrete" means? Do you just require a count of the number of concrete ties detected in a given 39-foot window?
- Can ONTC please clarify what do you require to be reported for "bridge" in the defective tie report? Is it just a yes/no to indicate that there is a bridge in the 39-foot window, or is it the number of ties in the window that are bridge ties?
- Can ONTC please clarify what an "equivalent" tie is (all classes of them)?

**Answer:** These metrics were used during the last tie inspection on ONTC property. The supplier shall supply a list of all metrics available to which ONTC will evaluate.

**Item 2:** Will ONTC extend the submission deadline for RFP 2025 015 – Tie Inspection Services?

**Answer:** ONTC is not considering extension to this procurement. The closing date for this RFP remains – **Monday, May 26, 2025 at 2:00:00 p.m.**

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFP.

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