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Title: Supply and Delivery of One (1) New Spreader/Ditcher

RE: Clarifications/Questions

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Item 1: Would ONTC confirm the closing date / submission deadline for this RFQ?

Answer: ONTC confirms that the closing date / submission deadline for this RFQ is Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 2:00:00 PM EDT.

Item 2: Would ONTC confirm whether the following approach is acceptable:

“Pricing to include manufacturing, testing, freight to ONTC's facility in Englehart, Ontario, unloading/crane services, commissioning, operator training, manuals, and warranty support.

Pricing to exclude customs brokerage, customs clearance, import duties, tariffs, GST/HST, and other importation-related charges. ONTC will act as Importer of Record.”

Answer: No, ONTC requires pricing to be submitted as detailed within the RFQ package.

Item 3: Due to the size and weight of the equipment, delivery may require rail transportation and specialized unloading arrangements. Please confirm whether rail access is available at ONTC's delivery location in Englehart, Ontario.

If rail access is available, please describe the unloading and receiving capabilities at the site, including whether crane services are available and any applicable lifting capacity restrictions.

Answer: ONTC confirms rail access is available at the Englehart, Ontario delivery location. The machine will be delivered by rail and will remain on rail upon arrival. Accordingly, the machine will not require lifting from a railcar, platform, or other conveyance for placement at another location. No crane services or specialized lifting equipment are anticipated to be required for unloading, as the equipment will remain on track throughout the delivery and receiving process. Coordination of final delivery and receiving arrangements will be addressed with the successful respondent prior to shipment.

Item 4: With respect to all questions relating to Appendix A - Form of Agreement, ONTC requests that respondents complete the Compliance with Contract Documents Form that is attached to the form of agreement within the RFQ package and submit together with their quotations.

Item 5: Due to size, complexity, and manufacturing duration associated with the proposed equipment, would ONTC consider a milestone payment schedule?

Answer: Yes. Respondents should identify any proposed milestone payment schedule in their submission, including the applicable milestones and payment percentages. ONTC may consider alternative payment arrangements as part of contract finalization with the successful respondent. Respondents must otherwise submit pricing in accordance with the RFQ.

Item 6: With respect to warranty provisions, ONTC has not specified a preferred warranty coverage. Respondents are required to provide details of the manufacturer's standard warranty, including coverage, term, exclusions, limitations, and warranty service process, as outlined in the RFQ. Respondents are also requested to identify any available extended warranty options and associated costs.

Item 7: Appendix C - Submission Form / Building Ontario Businesses Initiative

This procurement is for the manufacture and supply of specialized rail maintenance equipment and not for the provision of ongoing services.

The requirement that a respondent classified as a "U.S. business" certify that at least 90% of the staff required to deliver the contract will be located in Canada appears inconsistent with the nature of this procurement, where engineering, manufacturing, testing, and commissioning activities may occur outside Canada.

Will ONTC waive, delete, or deem this requirement inapplicable for this procurement?

Answer: No. ONTC advises that the requirements of the Buy Ontario Procurement Directive, including applicable Building Ontario Businesses Initiative (BOBI) and Procurement Restriction Policy requirements incorporated into the solicitation, remain applicable and will not be waived for this procurement. Respondents are required to complete the certifications contained in Appendix C based on their business structure and proposed delivery approach. Submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the requirements set out in the RFQ.

Item 8: Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications - Critical Requirements

Equipment must comply with all applicable railway clearance requirements and be capable of operating throughout ONTC's network without contact with platforms, structures, signals, bridges, tunnels, or other infrastructure.

Would ONTC please clarify what is considered as "operating"?

Answer: For the purposes of this specification, "operating" refers to the equipment in its intended operating and travel configurations. The requirement relates to physical clearance and dimensional compatibility with ONTC infrastructure and is not intended to address operator activities or operating procedures.

Item 9: Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications - Critical Requirements

Equipment must be capable of negotiating all track geometry on ONTC's network, including curves, turnouts, and yard trackage.

Would ONTC supply documentation/drawings of all track geometry on their network, including curves, turnouts, and yard trackage.

Answer: ONTC is not providing network-wide track geometry drawings or curvature data as part of this procurement. As stated in the specifications, proponents are required to identify and disclose the minimum negotiable curve radius of the proposed equipment. This information will be reviewed by ONTC as part of its assessment of compliance with the operational requirements of the network. Proponents should submit the minimum negotiable curve radius and any related operating limitations applicable to the proposed equipment.

Item 10: Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications - Critical Requirements

Equipment must be suitable for operation on ONTC's track structure and comply with applicable axle-loading restrictions.

Operating weight & axle loads can be supplied prior to shipment; however, truck loading calculations are not readily available for this machine model.

What are the axle load limitations on ONTC's network?

Answer: ONTC is not providing network-wide axle load limitation data as part of this procurement. As stated in the specifications, proponents are required to provide the operating weight, axle loads, and truck loading calculations for the proposed equipment. This information will be reviewed by ONTC to assess the suitability of the equipment for operation on ONTC's track structure and infrastructure. Proponents should submit the requested information and identify any operating restrictions or limitations associated with the proposed equipment.

Item 11: Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications - Critical Requirements

Platform Clearance Compatibility: Proposed Spreader/Ditcher shall be capable of operating throughout ONTC territory and safely travelling past passenger platforms located as close as 1,632 mm (64.25 in.) from track centreline without contact with any platform structure. The Proponent shall provide dimensional drawings showing the minimum clearance envelope from track centreline for all equipment configurations, including travel, working, wing deployment, ditching, plowing, and storage configurations. Any operating restrictions or minimum clearance requirements greater than 1,632 mm (64.25 in.) shall be clearly identified.

Would ONTC supply a dimensional drawing of their passenger platforms? Or what is ONTC's intended machine usage around passenger platforms?

Answer: ONTC will not be providing dimensional drawings of passenger platforms as part of this procurement. As stated in the specifications, the proposed equipment must be capable of operating throughout ONTC's network and safely travelling past passenger platforms located as close as 1,632 mm (64.25 in.) from track centreline without contact with any platform structure. Proponents are required to provide dimensional drawings showing the minimum clearance envelope from track centreline for all equipment configurations, including travel, working, wing deployment, ditching, plowing, and storage configurations, as applicable. Any operating restrictions or minimum clearance requirements greater than 1,632 mm (64.25 in.) shall be clearly identified. ONTC will review the information provided to assess compliance with the specified clearance requirements.

Item 12: Appendix E - Acknowledgement to Comply with Specifications - 1.8 Hydraulic System

A typical Spreader/Ditcher doesn't generally require simultaneous movement of all functions. Would ONTC clarify under what situation this is necessary or what machine functions are intended to be used simultaneously?

Answer: ONTC confirms that the intent of this requirement is to ensure the hydraulic system has sufficient flow and pressure capacity to support the simultaneous operation of machine functions when operationally required. For example, ONTC may require the coordinated operation of functions such as wing movement and other working components at the same time. As specified, the hydraulic system shall provide sufficient capacity to operate all machine functions simultaneously without performance degradation. Proponents shall demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

Item 13: Would ONTC consider extending the submission deadline / closing date by two (2) weeks to September 14, 2026?

Answer: No, ONTC will not consider extending the submission deadline / closing date by two (2) weeks to September 14, 2026. The submission deadline / closing date will remain as **Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 2:00:00 PM EDT**.

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFQ.

Regards,

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