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Addendum No. 01

File Reference Number: RFSO 2026 079

**Title: RFSO 2026 079 - Lifting Equipment Inspection, Certification, Maintenance and
Repair Services**

RE: Clarifications/Questions

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

Item 1: Can ONTC accept proposals outside of MERX if a respondent experiences difficulties registering or submitting through the MERX system?

Answer: No. In accordance with the RFSO, all responses must be submitted electronically through the MERX bidding system. Submissions submitted by any other method will not be accepted. Respondents experiencing technical issues are responsible for contacting MERX Customer Support directly and should ensure their registration and submission process is completed well in advance of the Submission Deadline.

Item 2: Appendix E does not include a pricing column for double-time labour rates. May respondents submit a separate rate sheet identifying circumstances where double-time rates apply (e.g. Sundays, statutory holidays, overnight work)?

Answer: Respondents shall complete Appendix E as provided. Appendix E includes columns for both Regular Rates and Emergency / After-Hours Rates. As noted in Appendix E, Emergency / After-Hours Rates are not included in the evaluated price and are collected for contract administration purposes only. Respondents may provide supplemental information describing the circumstances under which their Emergency / After-Hours Rates apply (e.g., evenings, weekends, statutory holidays, or other after-hours work). However, the Regular Rates submitted in Appendix E will form the basis of ONTC's price evaluation.

Item 3: Will respondents have an opportunity to adjust their rates for inflation if ONTC exercises either of the two optional one-year extensions following the initial three-year term?

Answer: The initial Standing Offer Agreement term is three (3) years, with two (2) optional one-year extensions exercisable at ONTC's sole discretion. Where ONTC elects to exercise an extension option, ONTC may, at its sole discretion, enter into discussions with the supplier regarding rate adjustments applicable to the extension period. ONTC does not guarantee that any rate adjustment will be approved.

This Addendum hereby forms part of the RFP.

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