

Questions and Answers / Questions et Réponses

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Notice:	Avis:	
This Q&A shall form part of the tender documents and all conditions shall apply and be read in conjunction with the RFP.	Cet Q&R fait partie intégrale des dossiers d'appel d'offres; toutes les conditions énoncées doivent être lues et appliquées en conjonction avec la DDP.	

Q1. We are just looking for some clarification on the performance bond, item 9.3 in document. It states proponent may be requested to provide a performance bond in the value of at least \$1,000,000.

Since there is a cost associated with providing a performance bond each year, and we would want to either include the cost in our bid, or not include, would it be possible to confirm that bidders will be required to provide bond? Also, the value of at least \$1,000,000 – is there an upper limit on value? Or, could it be changed to something like 100% of annual award value? Finally, will the NRC accept an annually renewing performance bond? Most surety companies will not offer bonding over 5 years on an annual maintenance type project.

A1. The cost for the performance bond may be included as part of your fees and not as a separate item. Normally, an Insurance Company will automatically provide bonding for 50% of the contract value. Considering the estimated value over the 5 years, NRC will accept bonding for 50% of the annual value of the proponent's bid. NRC will accept the bond being reissued on an annual basis provided it is submitted by the successful proponent 30 days before the expiry of the former bond.

Upon request, questions and answers can be provided in French.

