

QUESTION & ANSWER #1

Q1. Is an electronic bid consisting of 3 separate PDF's sufficient (as per page 8 or 31 of the RFP) Technical, Financial Certifications?

A1. Yes

Q2. Is a paper copy required also? If a paper copy is required, how many copies and what is the address for submission?

A2. No, a paper copy is not required

Q3. Part 3 Bid Preparation Instructions- Is an electronic bid consisting of 3 separate PDF's consisting of Technical Bid, Financial Bid and Certifications sufficient? Or Is a paper copy required also? If a paper copy is required, how many copies and what is the address for submission?

A3. Electronic submission of proposal is required, 3 separate PDF's for the technical, financial and certifications is requested. A paper copy is not required.

Q4. Section 1.3.1 and Annex A Objectives- Is the cost for the Optional site in years 2 and 3 to be included within the \$45,000 (excluding GST/HST) maximum?

A4. Yes

Q5. Annex B- Disbursements other than travel are not listed in the Basis of Payment Annex B and are not requested in Section II Financial Bid. Are disbursements to be incorporated into the Professional fees section of Annex B?

A5. Yes

Q6: Is there any available site-specific information regarding the anticipated soil types, depth to bedrock and depth to water table for the locations of the temporary monitoring points?

A6. The specified site-specific information is not available. Publicly available information on regional-scale surficial geology can be obtained from maps and reports that have been prepared by the Geological Survey of Canada and the Ontario Geological Survey.

Q7: Is only one sampling event required for all the specified parameters at each of the monitoring points?

A7: Yes, there will be one sampling event per year at each monitoring point

Q8. I just want to confirm with you that the groundwater sampling points have to be removed each year and re-installed in the subsequent years. There are some very good temporary hand driven- low site impact groundwater sampling systems- but they are not reusable year after year- so it's difficult to remain within the allotted budget to continue to purchase 8 wells x 4 site monitoring wells. These systems can go in place, at grade and could remain for the 3 years and removed following the final sampling program.

A8. Yes, the sampling points have to be removed each year

Q9. I'm trying to submit a proposal for the Lake of the Woods septic project. I have the EC SN bid form (saved pdf) but it won't let me type anything on the form.

A9. If you don't have the ability to complete the forms electronically you can complete them by hand and submit a scanned version.

Q10. Can you explain the reason for the removal of the monitoring wells following each sampling event. If this is merely to avoid them being damaged by vehicles or equipment during the intervening periods they could be installed flush to the ground and secured at surface with flush mounted casings and be left in place until no longer required. This could significantly reduce the amount of labour required to re-install them every year and thus reduce the cost of the second and third years activities.

A10. This requirement will minimize impact on the sites.

Q11. Will the costs of the analytical analysis be covered by Environment and Climate Change Canada?

A11. Yes

Q12. Will the consultant bear the cost of shipping the samples to Environment and Climate Change Canada? If so where are the samples expected to be shipped?

A12. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) will cover the shipping cost

Q13. Will private underground utility locates be required for the work contemplated to mark out potential secondary buried electrical lines at the site? If so is this cost to be carried by the consultant?

A13. ECCC will conduct the utility locates

Q14. Will Environment and Climate Change Canada provide site plans with the desired location of the monitoring ports, or will that be determine by the consultant?

A14. ECCC will coordinate with the contractor and will provide information regarding groundwater sampling locations, in advance and/or onsite.

Q15. Does Environment and Climate Change Canada have knowledge of the depth to groundwater or shallow soil type in the areas that monitoring ports are to be installed?

A15. This information is not available