

W8482-182977/A Questions and Answers

Q5. What is the expected time line between the main tasks or crane barge events.

A5. Ideally as little as possible, hopefully all crane barge events are contiguous. One “delay” that is known is the placing of the deployment sled on the seabed with all sensors, and leaving it in place for 24 hours to test for water ingress prior to diver installation of sensors into the pedestals.

Q6. What is the quantity and size of the holes to be drilled and what is the spec for the material to be drilled.

A6. All of the holes are drilled. Any misaligned holes will have to be re-drilled/reamed out. Worst case scenario, 2 out of 4 holes will line up, best case, 4 out of 4. A template will be provided. All associated hardware nuts/bolts will be provided. The holes are 9/16 and the material is fiberglass, 40mm thick.

Q7.a Depending on the material to be drilled, do the holes have to be drilled or would oxy arc underwater burning be acceptable (only possible if the material is steel)

A7. Material is fiberglass, 40mm thick

Q8. What are the specifications of the conduit (length, diameter, location, is it open ended or capped)

A8. Diameter 9.5 inches, open ended. The conduit is approximately 30m long. See attached images.

Q9. Do the 18 sensors have wet matable plugs our will they be wired into the power supply on surface and lowered at the same time

A9. The 18 sensors are already mated. The backbone cable will be mated on the barge by Omnitech just prior to deploying the sled.

Q10. Are bidders permitted to use the existing DND moorings during the operations?

A10. There are two “range markers” at Wright’s Cove which are unsuitable for mooring. The bidders may have confused the area of deployment with McNabs Cove which has four mooring buoys, or the Navy Buoys at Downey Bluff which has six mooring buoys.

Q11. Are there any moorings used to hold the existing cable infrastructure in place which would need to be removed

A11. No.

Q12. For insurance purposes, what is the estimated value of the backbone cable that the contractor shall be responsible to replace in the event of damage?

A12. See RFP Section 5.3 – Commercial General Liability Insurance.