

RFP #2020-13: Economic impacts of implementing standards developed under the Standards to Support Resilience in Infrastructure Program.

Question # 1: Does SCC maintain an inventory of all federal, provincial and municipal agencies that have implemented or adopted these new standards, in whole or in part? Are there any pilot program evaluations?

Response: SCC does not maintain an inventory of agencies that have implemented or adopted the standards, nor are there program evaluations that are known of. SCC has limited case studies that can be considered.

Question # 2: With respect to CAN/BNQ 2501-500 Geotechnical Site Investigations for Building Foundations in Permafrost, can you clarify if the intent is to consider all publicly and privately-owned structures in permafrost locations across Canada's north?

Response : The intent is to consider all publicly and privately-owned structures in permafrost locations in Canada's North.

Question # 3: The RFP identifies an August 1, 2020 reporting requirement. Can you speak to the potential for extending this timeframe in light of prevailing COVID-19 circumstances?

Response : Given the current situation, SCC is open to extending the timeline to the end of August, if the Supplier is able to provide preliminary results by August 1, 2020

Question # 4: Can you state the expected deliverable for Activity 2? Specifically, we would like to understand the specific output and level of detail required.

Response : It is expected following Activity 2, the Supplier will be able to provide SCC with estimates of the direct costs and benefits of implementing the standards under two different usage/uptake scenarios. The data should be accompanied with an explanation of how the numbers were derived, and an overview of the key results. This information can then be included in the final report outlined in Activity 4.

Question # 5: At present, the point-rated criteria do not directly consider team resumes (which are mandatory criteria). Can you clarify whether team resumes will be considered in point-rated criteria?

Response : SCC requested team resumes to confirm that the proposed team meets the Mandatory 2 Criteria: At least one team member MUST have as a minimum a master's degree in environmental sciences or a related discipline. The resumes are not directly considered as part of the point-rated criteria but can be referred to when speaking to the Bidder's experience with similar projects and subject matters.

Question # 6: May we request a 1-week extension considering the current pandemic situation to April 28th?

Response : The deadline is being extended to April 28thpart of the point-rated criteria but can be referred to when speaking to the Bidder's experience with similar projects and subject matters.