

Enquiries received during the Solicitation Period:

1. Can you confirm that work schedule 24h per day and 7 days per week is acceptable?

Answer:

- No. Refer to the tender documents where an exemption for working at night might be acceptable.

2. You request a marine mammal observer (MMO) all time during pile driving. Can you confirm if the marine mammal observer can be a local Inuit person?

Answer:

- Yes, the MMO can be a local Inuit person provided the person has the relevant experience in monitoring, spotting and identifying marine mammals to fulfill the requirements of the Fisheries Act Authorization.

3. Will it be possible to leave contaminated soils produced during the work at the landfill of Arctic Bay or will we have to transport and dispose down south?

Answer:

- If the Contractor is contaminating soil, then they would be responsible to dispose of appropriately and would be determined by the Contractor in accordance with applicable regulations. If contaminated material in excess of applicable regulatory criteria is encountered during the course of the work, then this would be handled through the PSPC General Conditions for Changes to the Work. Bidders are advised that there is a small amount of contaminated sediments that has been specifically identified for special removal and disposal on site.

4. As there will be important sums of money spent by the Contractor prior to the execution of any unit price pay item for the project, how will PWGSC determine the value and pay the contractor for all the work done for elements included in the Lump Sum Item including, just to name a few:

- Mobilization
- Camp organization and set-up
- Site set-up
- Project planning, methods, environmental plan
- Road maintenance

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- Etc...

This to allow the contractor not to be in important negative cashflow right at the beginning of the project.

Answer:

- Refer to the PSPC General Condition 5 – Terms of Payment.

5. In Paragraph 2.3.1 of Section 01 35 43, it's stated the following: *“Retain the services of an independent professional EM, experienced in monitoring the impacts of marine construction on fish and fish habitat and can determine the potential for impacts (harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction [HADD]) to fish habitat during certain activities for planning purposes and is on site during any work which may affect fish and fish habitat.”*

In relation to this requirement, shall the EM be full time on the site during each period where works which may affect fish and fish habitat is executed?

Regarding the *“independent professional EM”*, shall the EM be from a third party, or he can be a Contractor's employee?

Answer:

- The EM is to use their professional judgement, given their role and the obligations of the Contractor under the contract terms, specifications and permits, including reporting requirements. If the EM determines that the Contractor's work may affect fish and fish habitat, then the EM must be on-site during those works. The EM is not required to be a 3rd party (such as a consultant with a different firm) provided the EM's experience and role meets the requirements of the contract, the specifications and the CEMP.

6. In the CEMP Section 5.10.3 provided in Appendix 2, it's stated the following: *“Annual or end of construction reports will be required to be submitted to pertinent RAs (DFO-FFHPP, NWB, NIRB). DFO-SCH will be responsible for submitting the reports to RAs. DFO-SCH will confirm who is responsible for preparing the reports, whether it be the contractor's EM or the owners EI.”*

Shall the Contractor provide a credit if DFO-SCH choose to take responsibility for the preparation of the annual and end of project reports?

Answer:

- In accordance with Section 01 35 43, Clause 2.1.1, the contractor is responsible to prepare all reporting required under the permits.

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7. The Disposal At Sea Permit (*Appendix_7_f(2)_Arctic Bay SCH_DAS_Permit_PNR00214-1*) only allows 36 000 cubic meter maximum . The total dredging in the Unit Price Table for Zone B, C and D is 36 750 cubic meters without the -250 mm tolerance (Specification 35 20 23 Item 3.7). Will the permit be changed to add the corresponding quantities?

Answer:

- Refer to Amendment #4 for changes in the disposal quantities. In the event that the quantities are forecast to exceed the permitted quantities and it becomes necessary to update the permit, the Departmental Representative will take the necessary steps to update the permitted quantities.

8. Will it be possible to dredge 24 hours a day?

Answer:

- Refer to Question No. 1 response.

9. In the permit in appendix 7 f(2), it is specified that: Total quantity to be disposed of: not to exceed 36,000 cubic metres, place measure. There are 36,750 m3 of dredging to be done in zones B, C and D. To this must be added a certain percentage in order to counter the seasonal natural fill. Will we be able to have more than 36,000 m3 at sea for this project?

Answer:

- Refer to Question No. 7 response.

10. Working hours: Please specify the working hours, will the 24/7 regime be authorized?

Answer:

- Refer to Question No. 1 response.

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11. Layout area: The permit is valid from July 2022 until June 2023 for 36,000m³. Will it be renewed each year for an additional quantity or should the contractor plan to do all this dredging work on the same permit?

Answer:

- The Contractor is not required to complete dredging by June 2023. The Departmental Representative will renew/extend the disposal permit as required to meet the Contractor's schedule and actual progress.

12. In Paragraph 1.12.4 of Section 01 35 29.06, it's stated the following: "*Engage the services of wildlife monitors for all construction seasons or any time that personnel are on-site.*" In relation to this requirement, shall the wildlife monitor be fulltime on-site when work is executed and this for the total duration of the construction activities?
Can the wildlife monitor be the local Wildlife Service Division Conservation Officer?

Answer:

- Yes, the wildlife monitor is to be full time when work is being executed. No, the local conservation officer is not acceptable as they will be engaged in other duties and would therefore not be available to be full time.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 3