

RFQ: 599-2015

PROPONENT CONFERENCE AND SITE TOUR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

DESIGN BUILD OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG'S NORTH END
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT POWER SUPPLY UPGRADE
PROJECT

URGENT

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WHOEVER IS IN POSSESSION OF THE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION**

Proponents are reminded that they are not entitled to rely on this information or interpretation unless and to the extent that it is provided by the Contract Administrator by subsequent addendum. (see B6.3 and B12.4)

Question 1: Will the Preferred Proponent be running new feeders to the secondary clarifiers?

Answer 1: Specifics related to the details of the feeders and breakers will be provided during the RFP stage.

Question 2: Will responses to all RFI's be made available to all Proponents?

Answer 2: All RFI's received via the RFI form during the RFQ stage will be posted on the City's bid opportunities web page.

Question 3: If a Proponent submits a commercially confidential RFI, will the confidentiality be honored?

Answer 3: The RFQ does not provide for commercially confidential RFIs. The RFP will include provisions for commercially confidential RFIs, the details for which will be included in the RFP

Question 4: How many commercially confidential meeting will be available to the prequalified parties?

Answer 4: Further to B10.2, details on the commercially confidential meetings will be provided during the RFP stage.

Question 5: Are the Manitoba Hydro constraints as to the routes of supply feeders final?

Answer 5: Discussions with Manitoba Hydro as to the final equipment arrangement are still ongoing. Once a contract is in place with Manitoba Hydro and a final design has been reached, the Preferred Proponent will have to design and install within the set constraints.

Question 6: Will the Proponent be allowed to negotiate with Manitoba Hydro?

Answer 6: The Proponents will have to coordinate with Manitoba Hydro throughout the Power Supply Upgrade Project. However, all negotiations with Manitoba Hydro will be carried out by the City or its authorized representative.

Question 7: Is the Fairness Advisor involved in the evaluation process?

Answer 7: The fairness advisor is involved in the project from the Request for Qualifications to the design build Contract award. This includes evaluations.

Question 8: Will the legal agreement continue to be an evolving process, if not, when will it be finalized?

Answer 8: As indicated in Section B10 of RFQ 599-2015, a draft DB Agreement will be issued concurrently with the RFP. It is anticipated that Prequalified Parties will have the ability to make comments on the draft DB Agreement, including through the commercially confidential meeting process. A final form of the DB Agreement will be issued to Prequalified Parties prior to the Submission Deadline for final submissions to the RFP. Details regarding provision of comments on the DB Agreement will be included in the RFP.

Question 9: Will there be any liquidated damages clause(s) in the contract?

Answer 9: Liquidated damages clauses are often in City contracts. It is anticipated that such clauses will be included in the DB Agreement. Details regarding liquidated damages will be included in the draft DB agreement during the RFP stage

Question 10: Will there be a surety with the RFP?

Answer 10: There will be performance security and the possibility of a Bid security in the RFP.

Question 11: At what point will the successful Proponent be dealing with other contractors on the site?

Answer 11: Activities with the Process Upgrade project on the NEWPCC site are likely to overlap with the Power Supply Upgrade project. The successful Proponent will have to coordinate with City staff to avoid significant interferences

Question 12: Are all processes in the NEWPCC facility expected to be maintained operational throughout the Power Supply Upgrade?

Answer 12: Yes.

Question 13: Since there will be transfer of power from the old service onto the new service there will likely have to be a few shutdown of processes from loss of power. What is the strategy then?

Answer 13: The NEWPCC facility is a redundant facility and many processes can run on a single feed. Preferred Proponent will be expected to work with the City to develop

strategies to maintain plant operation during the whole project

Question 14: If there is a need to schedule an outage what party will coordinate the outage?

Answer 14: Outages where required, will be on single sides of redundant systems. Two types of outages are anticipated:

1. Service Outages (Manitoba Hydro Outage) and
2. Plant Feeder / Equipment Outages.

No full plant or power outages are anticipated. The Preferred Proponent will be responsible to coordinate with the City on all outages and with Manitoba Hydro on Service Outages. All coordination shall be performed to ensure continuous operation of the plant. Contingency plans are expected where redundant systems are reduced to single feed systems.

Question 15: Are there any underground services in the project, and are there significant information related to the underground services?

Answer 15: There are underground services at the NEWPCC Power Supply Project site. Known underground services will be identified during the RFP stage.

Question 16: Will Manitoba Hydro have a representative onsite during construction?

Answer 16: Manitoba Hydro is expected to have a representative onsite while carrying out their portion of the work and not throughout the entire Project.

Question 17: Is there any asbestos in the building?

Answer 17: Yes, there is asbestos in the buildings. Further information will be provided during the RFP stage

Question 18: Is the cabling or cable routing solely the responsibility of the Proponent?

Answer 18: All cabling and cable routing will be carried out by Proponent. Anticipated cable routing will be provided during the RFP stage.