



**RFP: 866-2016**  
**PROPONENT'S TELECONFERENCE**  
**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Pre-Selection and Design Services for Thermal Hydrolysis Process System  
for the North End Sewage Treatment Plant

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**URGENT**

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**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 Project Manager by subsequent addendum. (see B8.4)**

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**Question 1:** What mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that clauses B17.3, 17.4, 17.5 are adhered to?

**Answer 1:** A response will be provided in an Addendum.

**Question 2:** In reference to B24.1(c)(i) and B24.1(e), how will the evaluation be prorated based on Proponents? How will the scoring work if the proposals are not compared? Won't everyone end up with the same score?

**Answer 2:** A response will be provided in an Addendum.

**Question 3:** Would the City consider a two envelope system for evaluating proposals, i.e. a separate envelope for the technical proposal and for Form R: THPS Cost Information?

**Answer 3:** The City will not consider a two envelope system for this proposal.

**Question 4:** Would post-digestion be an acceptable process configuration? If so, would it have to be submitted as a substitute in accordance with clause B9?

**Answer 4:** All substitutes will have to be submitted in accordance with clause B9.

**Question 5:** Is the information requested in Form S: THPS Certification Requirements, required for the operators or for the proposed equipment?

**Answer 5:** The intent of the certification is for the plant operators, not the equipment.

**Question 6:** Could you provide the approximate blend of primary and secondary sludge from each plant?

**Answer 6:** This information will be provided in an Addendum.

**Question 7:** Does the rated capacity in Form P: Previous Installations need to be based on the results of a performance test?

**Answer 7:** Refer to the definition of Rated Capacity in D2.

**Question 8:** What is the definition of 'Date of Becoming Fully Operational' in Form P: Previous Installations?

**Answer 8:** The definition will be clarified in an Addendum.

**Question 9:** Would the City consider requiring Proponents to provide a letter from the Owner(s) identified in Form P: Previous Installations stating the information is correct?

**Answer 9:** The City will have the onus to verify the information provided through reference checks; therefore a signature from the Owner will not be required.

**Question 10:** If the THP system proposed does not meet the temperature stated in Clause 3.1.4.4 (165°C), will this require prior approval under B9 Substitutes?

**Answer 10:** This requirement will be clarified in an Addendum.

**Question 11:** Should the thermal efficiency described in clause 3.14.9.1 in Part E - Specification No. 11355 be based on a feed solids concentration of 16%DS?

**Answer 11:** The requirement will be clarified in an Addendum.

**Question 12:** In reference to B24.1(c)(i), is it correct to assume that 100 tDS/day and two 60 tDS/day will provide full marks? How will one gain higher points if full marks are provided at 100 tDS/day and two 60 tDS/day?

**Answer 12:** In accordance with B24.4(b)(iii), higher scores will be given to submitted projects that exceed the criteria identified in B12.2.1 and B12.3.1. The scoring will be further clarified in an Addendum.