

QUESTION / COMMENT: Regarding item 2.12, page 2. Regarding site restoration.

The bulk of the work will probably take place in January, there is no guarantee that the ground will be frozen, some distress will be unavoidable.

It is not possible to speculate on the scope of the work (and costs) that might be required to restore the site.

Would you consider having the bidders carry a specified allowance for this item so that we are not being exposed to risks for which we have little control.

That way the owner would have some control over how this aspect of the work is completed.

ANSWER: We see no reason why proponents cannot ensure restoration is included within their proposals even if such work must be completed in the spring. As such, we will not consider utilizing an allowance.

QUESTION: Can soil cuttings be left on the property or are they to be removed?

ANSWER: Soil samples not being retained may be disposed of at the south limit of the campus (approximately .5km from the site)

QUESTION: Item 4.1 makes reference to a permit fee. What permit fee is being referred to?

ANSWER: Stephenson Engineering noted "Different municipalities have different requirements therefore it's the responsibility of the contractor to know them and adhere to them. In St. Catharines there may not be a requirement. The spec refers to "permits that may be required"

Proponents shall satisfy themselves as to whether or not the City of St. Catharines has a permitting process for this type of work.

QUESTION: Items 4.1 and 4.2 request unit rates for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 programs. Are we correct in interpreting that a detailed cost estimate is required rather than unit rates.

ANSWER: Unit rates are intended for extras. The specification says to drill to a specific depth into the rock, if for whatever reason its required to drill deeper due to site conditions we request a unit rate for that.

QUESTION: One proponent asked for clarification regarding the quote for inspection and testing described in part 6

ANSWER: Please submit unit rates for this work.