

ONTARIO NORTHLAND**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION****Request for Proposals No. RFP 2025 005****For****Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail****REPLY BY DATE: Friday, July 4, 2025 at 2:00:00 p.m.****Primary Contact:****Nicole Laplante****Procurement Contracts Specialist****Ontario Northland Transportation Commission****555 Oak Street East****North Bay, Ontario, P1B 8L3****Email: nicole.laplante@ontarionorthland.ca**

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PART 1

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

(1) Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (“ONTC”) is issuing this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to obtain proposals from a vendor/service provider(s) for the provision of the goods and/or services described in the RFP Specifications (the “**Goods and/or Services**”).

(2) In this RFP:

“**Applicable Laws**” means the statutes, regulations, orders, by-laws and other laws of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Canada and any municipal government relevant to the RFP and the subject matter of the RFP;

“**Addendum**” means the written supplementary information provided to potential Respondents prior to the Submission Deadline, which information becomes part of the RFP Documents;

“**Business Day**” means any day except Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday;

“**Final Agreement**” means the agreement for the supply of the Goods and/or Services entered into by ONTC and the Successful Respondent;

“**Material**” means a document or information that must be included in the Proposal including without limitation the information requested in the RFP Data Sheet, and is essential to allow ONTC to evaluate a Proposal and that if not included will result in the disqualification of the Proposal;

“**Non-compliant**” means the Proposal or the Respondent does not meet a requirement of the RFP Documents;

“**Proposal**” means the response to the RFP submitted by a Respondent to ONTC;

“**Respondent(s)**” means the entity submitting a Proposal and includes prospective respondents, whether or not that entity submits a Proposal. If the context requires it, “**Respondent**” includes any of the Respondent’s respective shareholders, owners, officers, agents, consultants, partners, contractors, subcontractors, advisors, employees, or representatives;

“**RFP Data Sheet**” means the information and requirements contained in Schedule 2-A of Part 2;

“**RFP Documents**” means the documents listed in RFP Section 2.1 (1) and any additional documents issued through Addenda;

“**Short-listed Respondent**” means a Respondent selected to proceed to the next step in the evaluation process pursuant to section 6.2 (2) of the RFP;

“Substantially Compliant” means Proposal does not meet the requirements of the RFP Documents; however, the Proposal includes all of the Material items, as identified in the RFP Data Sheet;

“Successful Respondent” means the Respondent selected by ONTC to enter into the Final Agreement.

- (3) The process to select the Short-listed Respondents for the supply of the Goods and/or Services (the **“RFP Process”**) will commence with the issuance of these RFP Documents and will terminate at the earlier of:
- (a) when ONTC and the Successful Respondent execute the Final Agreement;
or
 - (b) upon the termination of the RFP Process in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP.

1.2 Ontario Northland Transportation Commission

ONTC is an agency of the Province of Ontario that provides reliable and efficient transportation services to northern and rural communities. For over 120 years, the company has provided integrated and impactful transportation services including rail freight, passenger rail, motor coach transportation, rail repair, and remanufacturing services.

ONTC’s rail services are vital in maintaining a reliable supply chain in Northern Ontario by connecting freight customers to global economies. The forestry industry, mining operations, farming communities, and manufacturers count on ONTC’s services to deliver large volumes across vast distances. The company’s 675 miles of mainline track span throughout northeastern Ontario and northwestern Quebec.

ONTC motor coaches connect rural Ontario to major centres providing access to education, medical appointments, shopping, and seamless connections to other transportation providers. The Polar Bear Express passenger train connects Moosonee and Cochrane, Ontario, providing an all-season land link for Indigenous communities on the James Bay Coast.

Improving and repairing transportation equipment is also a large part of ONTC’s service offering. We remanufacture and repair locomotives, passenger rail cars, freight cars, and more. ONTC’s unique mechanical skillset attracts new business and secures skilled trades jobs in Northern Ontario.

ONTC makes provincial dollars reach further by creating innovative solutions that help drive economic growth sustainably, responsibly, and with future generations top of mind. Throughout the agency, modernization is underway with many exciting projects that will improve how we operate. ONTC employs over 900 people including Locomotive Engineers, Motor Coach Operators, skilled tradespeople, and business professionals. Employees work together to improve and deliver services that provide value to the regions served.

SECTION 2 - THE RFP DOCUMENTS

2.1 Request for Proposals Documents

(1) The Request for Proposals documents consist of:

Part 1 - Request for Proposals

Part 2 - Requests for Proposals Summary of Requirements

- (a) Schedule 2-A - RFP Data Sheet
- (b) Schedule 2-B - Participation Registration Form

Part 3 - RFP Specifications

- (a) Schedule 3-A-1 - Scope of Work
- (b) Schedule 3-A-2 - ONTC Policy and Procedure

Part 4 - Form of Proposal

- (a) Proposal Form 1 - Proposal Submission Form
- (b) Proposal Form 1-A - Schedule of Prices
- (c) Proposal Form 2 - Respondent's General Information
- (d) Proposal Form 3 - Acknowledgment to Comply with Part 3 -
Request for Proposals Specifications
- (e) Proposal Form 4 - Compliance with Contract Documents
- (f) Proposal Form 5 - Contractors' Qualification Statement
- (g) Proposal Form 6 - Claims

Part 5 - Draft Agreement

- (2) The RFP Documents shall be read as a whole. The Schedules and Addenda, if any, constitute an integral part of this RFP and are incorporated by reference.
- (3) Respondents shall verify the RFP Documents for completeness upon receipt and shall inform the Contact Person (identified in RFP Section 3.2(7)), immediately:
- (a) should any documents be missing or incomplete; or
 - (b) upon finding any discrepancies or omissions.
- (4) Complete sets of the RFP Documents are available at our company website at www.ontarionorthland.ca and MERX.

- (5) The RFP Documents are made available only for the purpose of Respondents submitting Proposals. Availability and/or use of the RFP Documents do not confer a license or grant for any other purpose.

2.2 Priority of Documents

- (1) If there are any inconsistencies between the terms, conditions or other provisions of the RFP Documents, the order of priority of RFP Documents, from highest to lowest, shall be:
 - (a) Any Addenda modifying the RFP Documents issued during the RFP Process;
 - (b) The RFP Data Sheet;
 - (c) Part 1 - Request for Proposals;
 - (d) Part 3 - Specifications; and
 - (e) Any other RFP Documents.

2.3 Distribution of Documents - Electronic Distribution

- (1) ONTC will use an online electronic distribution system to distribute all RFP Documents.
- (2) Respondents are solely responsible for making appropriate arrangements to receive and access the RFP Documents through that electronic distribution system.

2.4 Information Provided by ONTC

- (1) Respondents are solely responsible for conducting their own independent research, due diligence, and any other work or investigations and seeking any other independent advice necessary for the preparation of its Proposal, negotiation or finalization of the Final Agreement and the subsequent delivery of all the Goods and/or Services to be provided by the Successful Respondent(s). Nothing in the RFP Documents is intended to relieve the Respondents from forming their own opinions and conclusions with respect to the matters addressed in this RFP.
- (2) No guarantee, representation or warranty, express or implied, is made and no responsibility of any kind is accepted by ONTC or its representatives for the completeness or accuracy of any information presented in the RFP Documents, if any, during the RFP Process or during the term of the Final Agreement. By submitting a Proposal, each Respondent agrees that ONTC and its representatives shall not be liable to any person or entity as a result of the use of any information contained in the RFP Documents or otherwise provided by ONTC or its representatives during the RFP Process or during the term of the Final Agreement.

SECTION 3 - THE RFP PROCESS

3.1 RFP Process

- (1) The deadline for the submission of Proposals (the “**Submission Deadline**”) is set out in the RFP Data Sheet.
- (2) ONTC may amend, extend or shorten any of the dates and/or times prescribed in this RFP, at any time, at its sole discretion, including without limitation the Submission Deadline. If ONTC extends the Submission Deadline, all requirements applicable to Respondents will thereafter be subject to the new, extended Submission Deadline.

3.2 Questions and Communications Related to the RFP Documents

- (1) Respondents shall submit all questions, requests for clarifications, and other communications regarding the RFP Documents and the RFP Process by email to the Contact Person set out in section 3.2(7) no later than four (4) full Business Days before the Submission Deadline.
- (2) ONTC will endeavor to provide the Respondents with written responses to questions that are submitted in accordance with this RFP Section 3.2, by no later than two (2) full Business Days before the Submission Deadline. Responses to any questions or requests for clarifications, will be collected and distributed with answers to be delivered to all Respondents who have submitted the Participation Registration Form by way of emailed addenda from ONTC in accordance with the timeline set out in this Section 3.2(2).
- (3) The responses to questions form part of the RFP Documents.
- (4) ONTC may, in its sole discretion:
 - (a) answer questions that ONTC deems to be similar from various Respondents only once;
 - (b) edit any question(s) for the purpose of clarity;
 - (c) respond to questions submitted after the deadline for submission of questions if ONTC believes that such responses would be of assistance to the Respondents generally; and
 - (d) exclude any questions that, in the sole opinion of ONTC, are ambiguous, incomprehensible, or are deemed by ONTC to be immaterial to the RFP Process, the RFP Documents, or the Goods and/or Services.
- (5) If Respondents find discrepancies, omissions, errors, departures from laws, by-laws, codes or good practice, or information considered to be ambiguous or conflicting, they shall bring them to the attention of the Contact Person in writing, and not less than four (4) full Business Days before the Submission Deadline, so that ONTC may, if ONTC

deems it necessary, issue instructions, clarifications or amendments by addendum to all Respondents prior to the Submission Deadline. ONTC will endeavor to, but is not required to, issue such Addenda at least two (2) full Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline. It is each Respondent's responsibility to seek clarification from ONTC of any matter it considers to be unclear in the RFP Documents or the description of the Goods and/or Services and the Respondent may seek clarification in accordance with this Section 3.2. Neither ONTC nor the Government of Ontario shall be responsible for any misunderstanding by a Respondent of the RFP Documents, the RFP Process or the Goods and/or Services.

- (6) If ONTC gives oral answers to questions at any meeting (Section 3.4), these answers will not be considered final, and may not be relied upon by any of the Respondents, unless and until such answers are provided by way of an addendum in accordance with this Section 3.2.
- (7) The Contact Person designated by ONTC for this RFP is **Nicole Laplante, Procurement Contracts Specialist, 555 Oak Street East, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8L3 (705) 472-4500 ext. 588, nicole.laplante@ontarionorthland.ca** (the "Contact Person"). The above Contact Person is the sole contact for this RFP. A Respondent may be disqualified where contact is made with any person other than the Contact Person.
- (8) ONTC will not be responsible for statements, instructions, clarifications, notices or amendments communicated orally by ONTC to one or more of the Respondents. Statements, instructions, clarifications, notices or amendments by ONTC, which affect the RFP Documents, may only be made by addendum.

3.3 Addenda/Changes to the RFP Documents

- (1) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, amend, supplement, or change the RFP Documents prior to the Submission Deadline. ONTC shall issue amendments, supplements, or changes to the RFP Documents by Addendum only. No other statement or response(s) to questions, whether oral or written, made by ONTC or any ONTC advisors, employees or representatives, including, for clarity, the Contact Person, or any other person, shall amend, supplement or change the RFP Documents. Addenda will be distributed in the same manner as the RFP and shall become part of the RFP Documents.
- (2) Respondents are solely responsible for ensuring that they have received all Addenda issued by ONTC. Respondents may, in writing by email to the Contact Person, seek confirmation of the number of Addenda, issued under this RFP.

3.4 Respondents' Meeting

- (1) To assist Respondents in understanding the RFP Documents, and the RFP Process, ONTC may conduct an information meeting (the "**Respondents' Meeting**") for all Respondents. Whether or not ONTC will conduct a Respondents' Meeting is set out in the RFP Data Sheet. If ONTC is conducting a Respondents' Meeting, the meeting will be held on the date and at the time and location set out in the RFP Data Sheet.

- (2) Attendance by Respondents at a Respondents' Meeting may not be mandatory but, if one is held, Respondents are strongly encouraged to attend. Whether or not the Respondents' Meeting is mandatory will be identified on the RFP Data Sheet. When a Respondents' meeting is mandatory, all attending persons or entities will be required to sign the "Site Meeting Log" to confirm their attendance and provide a valid email address for purpose of receiving information.
- (3) If ONTC gives oral answers to questions at the Respondents' Meeting, these answers will not be considered final, and may not be relied upon by any of the Respondents, unless and until such answers are provided by way of an Addendum in accordance with Section 3.2.
- (4) If pre-registration for the Respondents' Meeting is necessary, the deadline for registration will be set out in the RFP Data Sheet and details regarding the registration process will be set out in the RFP Data Sheet.

3.5 Prohibited Contacts

- (1) Respondents and their respective advisors, employees and representatives are prohibited from engaging in any form of political or other lobbying, of any kind whatsoever, to influence the outcome of the RFP Process.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of Section 3.5(1) above, neither Respondents nor any of their respective advisors, employees or representatives shall contact or attempt to contact, either directly or indirectly, at any time during the RFP Process, any of the following persons or organizations on matters related to the RFP Process, the RFP Documents, or their Proposals:
 - (a) any member of the Evaluation Team (as defined in Section 6.1), except the Contact Person;
 - (b) any advisor to ONTC or the Evaluation Team, except the Contact Person; or
 - (c) any directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives or consultants of:
 - (i) ONTC, except the Contact Person;
 - (ii) Ontario Ministry of Transportation;
 - (iii) The Premier of Ontario's office or the Ontario Cabinet office;
 - (iv) A Member of Provincial Parliament (including the Premier); or
 - (v) Any other person or entity listed in the RFP Data Sheet.
- (3) If a Respondent or any of their respective shareholders, owners, officers, agents, consultants, partners, contractors, subcontractors, advisors, employees, representatives, or other third parties acting on behalf or with the knowledge of the Respondent; in the opinion of ONTC, contravenes RFP Section 3.5(1) or 3.5(2), ONTC may, but is not obliged to, in its sole discretion:

- (a) take any action in accordance with RFP Section 7.2; or
- (b) impose conditions on the Respondent's continued participation in the RFP Process that ONTC considers, in its sole discretion, to be appropriate.

3.6 Media Releases, Public Disclosures, Public Announcements and Copyright

- (1) A Respondent shall not, and shall ensure that its shareholders, owners, officers, agents, consultants, partners, contractors, subcontractors, advisors, employees, representatives, or other third parties acting on behalf or with the knowledge of the Respondent do not, issue or disseminate any media release, social media or Internet post, public announcement or public disclosure (whether for publication in the press, on the radio, television, internet or any other medium) that relates to the RFP Process, the RFP Documents or the Goods and/or Services or any matters related thereto, without the prior written consent of ONTC.
- (2) Neither the Respondents or any of their respective shareholders, owners, officers, agents, consultants, partners, contractors, subcontractors, advisors, employees, representatives, or other third parties acting on behalf or with the knowledge of the Respondent shall make any public comment, respond to questions in a public forum, or carry out any activities to either criticize another Respondent or Proposal or to publicly promote or advertise their own qualifications, interest in or participation in the RFP Process without ONTC's prior written consent, which consent may be withheld, conditioned or delayed in ONTC's sole discretion. Respondents, and their respective advisors, employees and representatives are permitted to state publicly that they are participating in the RFP Process but shall not publicly identify other Respondents without the prior written consent of ONTC.
- (3) Respondents shall not use the name of ONTC or any of ONTC's logos, designs, colours or registered trademarks and names used, owned or registered by ONTC, during the RFP Process, if selected as the Successful Respondent, or at any time prior to, during, or following the supply of the Goods and/or Services, except with the prior written consent of ONTC.

3.7 Confidentiality and Disclosure Issues - Respondent Information

- (1) Respondents are advised that ONTC may be required to disclose the RFP Documents, any other documentation related to the RFP Process and a part or parts of any Proposal pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario) ("FIPPA"). Respondents are also advised that FIPPA does provide protection for confidential and proprietary business information. Respondents are strongly advised to consult their own legal advisors as to the appropriate way in which confidential or proprietary business information should be marked as such in their Proposals. Subject to the provisions of FIPPA, ONTC will use reasonable commercial efforts to safeguard the confidentiality of any information identified by the Respondent as confidential but shall not be liable in any way whatsoever to any Respondent if such information is disclosed based on an order or decision of the Information and Privacy Commissioner or otherwise as required under the Applicable Laws.

- (2) The Respondent agrees that ONTC may disclose Proposals, and all information submitted in or related to the Proposals, to the Government of Ontario.
- (3) ONTC may provide the Proposals to any person involved in the review and/or evaluation of the Proposals on behalf of ONTC and ONTC may:
 - (a) make copies of the Proposal; and/or
 - (b) retain the Proposal.
- (4) ONTC may disclose any information with respect to the Respondents, the Proposals and the RFP Process as required by the Applicable Laws.
- (5) The Respondent shall not require ONTC or any of its representatives to sign a non-disclosure agreement in respect of any step taken or information provided as part of this RFP Process, provided that if the nature of the subject matter of the RFP is such that, in the opinion of ONTC, it would be appropriate to enter into a non-disclosure agreement with a Respondent or Respondents, ONTC and/or the Respondent shall enter into such agreement in a form and with the content satisfactory to ONTC.

3.8 Confidential Information

- (1) In this RFP, "**RFP Information**" shall mean all material, data, information or any item in any form, whether oral or written, including in electronic or hard-copy format, supplied by, obtained from or otherwise procured in any way, whether before or after the RFP Process, from ONTC or any Ministry or Agency of the Government of Ontario, in connection with the RFP Documents or the Goods and/or Services excluding any item which:
 - (a) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure resulting from a breach of this RFP Section 3.8;
 - (b) becomes available to the Respondent on a non-confidential basis from a source other than ONTC, so long as that source is not bound by a non-disclosure agreement with respect to the information or otherwise prohibited from transmitting the information to the Respondent by a contractual, legal or fiduciary obligation; or
 - (c) The Respondent is able to demonstrate was known to it on a non-confidential basis before it was disclosed to the Respondent by ONTC.
- (2) RFP Information:
 - (a) shall remain the sole property of ONTC or the Government of Ontario, as applicable, and the Respondent shall maintain the confidentiality of such information except as required by law;

- (b) shall not be used by the Respondent for any other purpose other than submitting a Proposal or performing obligations under any subsequent agreement with ONTC relating to the Goods and/or Services;
 - (c) shall not be disclosed by the Respondent to any person who is not involved in the Respondent's preparation of its Proposal or in the performance of any subsequent agreement relating to ONTC, or the Government of Ontario, as applicable, without prior written authorization from ONTC;
 - (d) shall not be used in any way detrimental to ONTC or the Government of Ontario; and
 - (e) if requested by ONTC, shall be returned to the Contact Person or destroyed by the Respondent no later than ten (10) calendar days after such request is received in writing by the Respondent.
- (3) Each Respondent shall be responsible for any breach of the provisions of this RFP Section 3.8 by any person to whom it discloses the RFP Information.
- (4) Each Respondent or Short-listed Respondent acknowledges and agrees that a breach of the provisions of this RFP Section 3.8 would cause ONTC, the Government of Ontario and/or their related entities to suffer loss which could not be adequately compensated by damages, and that ONTC, the Government of Ontario and/or any related entity may, in addition to any other remedy or relief, enforce any of the provisions of this RFP Section 3.8 upon application to a court of competent jurisdiction without proof of actual damage to ONTC, the Government of Ontario or any related entity.
- (5) Notwithstanding RFP Section 9.3, the provisions of this RFP Section 3.8 shall be binding and shall survive any cancellation or termination of this RFP and the conclusion of the RFP Process.
- (6) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, require that Respondents execute a legally binding non-disclosure agreement in a form and substance satisfactory to ONTC prior to receiving the RFP Information.

3.9 Governing Laws and Attornment

- (1) This RFP Process and the Final Agreement entered into pursuant to this RFP Process shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Ontario, the laws of Quebec, the laws of Manitoba, if relevant to the subject matter of this RFP, and the applicable laws of Canada, excluding any conflict of laws principles.
- (2) Each Respondent agrees that the courts of the Province of Ontario shall have exclusive jurisdiction to entertain any action or proceeding based on, relating to or arising from this RFP process.

3.10 Licenses and Permits

- (1) If a Respondent is required by the Applicable Laws to hold or obtain a license, permit, consent or authorization to carry on an activity contemplated in its Proposal, neither acceptance of the Proposal nor execution of the Final Agreement shall be considered to be approval by ONTC of carrying on such activity without the requisite license, permit, consent or authorization.

3.11 Respondents' Costs

- (1) The Respondent shall bear all costs and expenses incurred by the Respondent relating to any aspect of its participation in this RFP Process, including, without limitation, all costs and expenses related to the Respondent's involvement in:
 - (a) the preparation, presentation and submission of its Proposal;
 - (b) due diligence and information gathering processes;
 - (c) attendance at any Respondents' Meeting(s) or presentations;
 - (d) preparation of responses to questions or requests for clarification from ONTC;
 - (e) preparation of the Respondent's own questions during the clarification process;
 - (f) preparation of prototypes, proof of concept and/or demonstrations; and
 - (g) any discussions or negotiations with ONTC regarding the Final Agreement.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of Section 9.1(2) of this RFP, in no event shall ONTC or the Government of Ontario be liable to pay any costs or expenses or to reimburse or compensate a Respondent under any circumstances for the costs or expenses set out in Section 3.11(1), regardless of the conduct or outcome of the RFP Process.

3.12 Delay and Costs of Delay

- (1) By submitting a Proposal, the Respondent waives all claims against ONTC and the Government of Ontario including any claims arising from any error or omission in any part of the RFP Documents or RFP Information or any delay, or costs associated with delays, in the RFP Process.

3.13 Clarification and Verification of Respondent's Proposal

- (1) Following submission of a Proposal, ONTC may:

- (a) request a Respondent to clarify or verify the contents of its Proposal, including by submitting supplementary documents; and/or
 - (b) request a Respondent to confirm an ONTC interpretation of the Respondent's Proposal.
- (2) Any information received by ONTC from a Respondent pursuant to a request for clarification or verification from ONTC as part of the RFP Process may, in ONTC's discretion, be considered as an integral part of the Proposal even if such information should have been submitted as part of the Respondent's Proposal and may, in ONTC's discretion, be considered in the evaluation of the Respondent's Proposal.
- (3) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, verify or clarify any statement or claim contained in any Proposal or made subsequently in any interview, presentation, or discussion. That verification or clarification may be made by whatever means that ONTC deems appropriate which may include contacting the persons identified in the contact information provided by the Respondent and contacting persons or entities other than those identified by any Respondent.
- (4) By submitting a Proposal, the Respondent is deemed to consent to ONTC verifying or clarifying any information and requesting additional information from third parties regarding the Respondent) and its directors, officers, shareholders or owners and any other person associated with the Respondent as ONTC may determine is appropriate.
- (5) ONTC is not obliged to seek clarification or verification of any aspect of a Proposal, or any statement or claim made by a Respondent.
- (6) Requests for clarifications shall not be construed as acceptance by ONTC of a Proposal.

3.14 Two-Envelope Process

- (1) ONTC may elect to complete a Two-Envelope Process. Whether Respondents will be required to submit their Proposals using a Two-Envelope Process will be identified on the RFP Data Sheet.
- (2) If ONTC elects to complete a Two-Envelope Process, the Proposal shall be broken down into two components; a technical submission and a financial submission.
- (3) If ONTC elects to complete a Two-Envelope Process, ONTC will identify a minimum score that must be attained on the technical submission on the RFP Data Sheet. Proposals that do not meet the minimum score for the technical submission following evaluation of the technical submission, will not proceed further in the evaluation process, provided that ONTC may, in its sole discretion, based on the overall scores of all the technical submissions, revise the minimum score required to proceed further in the evaluation process. Financial submissions will only be opened and evaluated for the Proposals that meet the minimum score for the technical submission.

SECTION 4 - PROPOSAL CONTENT AND FORMAT

4.1 Format and Content of Proposal

- (1) Respondents shall submit their Proposal in one envelope or, if submitting electronically, one electronic folder. Where required by the RFP Data Sheet to follow the two-envelope process, Respondents shall submit the technical submission and the financial submission in two separate envelopes or, if submitting electronically, two separate electronic folders.
- (2) Unless otherwise specified in the RFP Data Sheet, Respondents shall not submit pre-printed literature with their Proposals. Any unsolicited pre-printed literature submitted as part of a Proposal will not be reviewed by the Evaluation Team.
- (3) Each Respondent will:
 - (a) in a clear, concise and legible manner, complete and submit all documentation and information required by Part 2, Part 3, and Part 4 to the RFP;
 - (b) for a hard copy submission, complete any handwritten portions of the proposal forms in ink;
 - (c) provide all information requested and ensure that an authorized person or persons sign all forms where indicated. Failure to provide all requested information on the proposal forms and failure to fill in all blank spaces may result in a Proposal being determined to be non-compliant; and,
 - (d) use only the proposal forms issued as part of the RFP documents unless otherwise indicated.
- (4) Information provided by Respondents on hard copy proposal forms may be amended prior to the Proposal submission, provided the amendments are initialed by an authorized representative of the Respondent. Un-initialed pre-submission amendments may result in the Proposal being declared non-compliant.
- (5) Proposals that are not originals (if hard copy), are unsigned, improperly signed, incomplete, conditional or illegible, may be declared non-compliant.
- (6) The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) shall not be included in the price. Any taxes or increases to taxes announced prior to the date of the issuance of the RFP Documents and scheduled to come into effect subsequent to it shall be taken into consideration at time of invoicing.
- (7) Price
 - (a) Price shall be an all-inclusive lump sum price (**excluding HST**), unless otherwise indicated in the RFP Documents; and

- (b) Where the RFP requires the Respondent to provide a breakdown of the price in Proposal Form 1-A, the price as stated in Proposal Form 1 shall govern in the case of conflict or ambiguity between the price and the sum of the breakdown of the price.

(8) Listing of Subcontractors

Each Respondent shall complete the "Subcontractors" section of Proposal Form 2 - Respondent's General Information, naming the Subcontractors which the Respondent will employ to perform an item of the work called for by the RFP Documents. Failure of the Respondent to list Subcontractors where required, may result in the Proposal being declared non-compliant.

4.2 Proposal Submission Form

- (1) Each Respondent will complete and submit the forms included in Part 4 - Form of Proposal. Failure of the Respondent to complete and submit one or more of the forms included in Part 4 - Form of Proposal, may result in the Proposal being declared non-compliant.
- (2) Respondents shall execute the Proposal Submission Form as follows:
 - (a) in the case of a sole proprietorship, the sole proprietor will sign the Proposal Submission Form and have the signature witnessed;
 - (b) in the case of a corporation, an authorized signing officer will sign the Proposal Submission Form; or
 - (c) in the case of a partnership, a partner or partners authorized to bind the partnership will sign the Proposal Submission Form and have their signatures witnessed.

4.3 References and Past Performance Issues

- (1) If specified in the RFP Data Sheet, Respondents shall provide reference information. Unless otherwise set out in the RFP Data Sheet, all references shall be, where possible, with respect to similar goods and/or services, as applicable, during the five (5) years immediately prior to the Submission Deadline. Unless otherwise set out in the RFP Data Sheet, the Respondent shall provide a minimum of three (3) references.
- (2) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, confirm the Respondent's experience and ability to provide the Goods and/or Services by contacting the Respondent's references. However, ONTC is under no obligation to contact references submitted by any Respondent. References and information received from references, if contacted, will be taken into account in the evaluation process as identified in the RFP Data Sheet.

- (3) ONTC may take into account in the evaluation process reliable information received from the Government of Ontario or its Agencies regarding past performance of a Respondent, provided information evidencing past poor performance by a Respondent is provided to the Respondent (subject to any restrictions or disclosure imposed by applicable law) and the Respondent is afforded an opportunity to respond to the information.
- (4) If ONTC receives information from referees of a Respondent's past poor performance, ONTC shall advise the Respondent (subject to any restrictions on disclosure imposed by applicable law) and afford the Respondent an opportunity to respond to the information prior to considering this information as part of the evaluation process.

4.4 Conflict of Interest

- (1) For the purposes of this Section 4.5, the term "**Conflict of Interest**" includes, but is not limited to, any situation or circumstance where the interests, conduct, other commitments or relationships of a Respondent, a Respondent's family member or an officer, director or employee of the Respondent could or could be perceived to, directly or indirectly, compromise, impair or be in conflict with the integrity of the RFP Process, the subject matter of the RFP or ONTC.
- (2) Each Respondent shall promptly disclose any potential, perceived or actual Conflict of Interest of the Respondent to the Contact Person in writing. If ONTC discovers a Respondent's failure to disclose a Conflict of Interest, ONTC may, in its sole and absolute discretion disqualify the Respondent or terminate the Final Agreement if such Respondent is the Successful Respondent.
- (3) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, and in addition to any other remedy available at law or in equity:
 - (a) waive any Conflict of Interest;
 - (b) impose conditions on a Respondent that require the management, mitigation and/or minimization of the Conflict of Interest; or
 - (c) disqualify the Respondent from the RFP Process if, in the sole and absolute opinion of ONTC, the Conflict of Interest cannot be managed, mitigated or minimized.

SECTION 5 - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION, WITHDRAWAL, MODIFICATION

5.1 Submission of Proposals and Late Proposals

- (1) Each Respondent shall submit their proposal in the format prescribed in the RFP Data Sheet. ONTC will not accept any proposal submission that is not submitted in the format prescribed in the RFP Data Sheet.

ONTC may elect to accept Electronic Bid Submissions, Physical Bid Submissions or a combination of both.

- (a) If ONTC elects to use Electronic Bid Submissions, submissions shall be submitted on, and in accordance with, forms supplied by ONTC. **All responses are to be submitted to ONTC through the use of MERX Electronic Bid Submission (EBS).** Respondents shall be solely responsible for the delivery of their Proposals in the manner and time prescribed in the RFP Data Sheet.

Questions concerning submitting through MERX should be addressed to:

- MERX Customer Support
- Phone 1-800-964-6379
- Email merx@merx.com

Any Proposal from a Respondent whose name does not appear on the official MERX document request list (i.e., who has not downloaded the documents themselves) will be declared invalid, and the Proposal will not be considered.

MERX EBS does not allow submissions to be uploaded after the bid submission deadline; therefore, the Respondent should ensure they allow plenty of time to upload the documents.

Where required by the RFP Data Sheet to use a two-envelope process, Respondents shall include two separate and clearly identifiable attachments: 1) Technical and, 2) Financial. The file names for the technical and financial attachments should be sufficiently distinguishable such that ONTC does not need to open the attachments to differentiate between them.

- (b) If ONTC elects to use Physical Bid Submissions, Respondents shall submit one original and the number of copies of its Proposal (in hard copy) specified in the RFP Data Sheet and the number of electronic copies of its Proposal (on a properly labelled CD or USB key in PDF format) specified in the RFP Data Sheet, at the correct location for submission and on or before the Submission Deadline. If there is any difference whatsoever between the electronic copy of the Proposal and the original hard copy, the original hard copy of the Proposal, as submitted, will govern. The electronic copy of the Proposal is solely for the convenience of ONTC.

Respondents shall submit their Proposals to the attention of the Manager, Public Procurement by prepaid courier or personal delivery at the following address:

Ashley Commanda
Manager, Public Procurement
Ontario Northland Transportation Commission
555 Oak Street East
North Bay, Ontario P1B 8E3

The Respondent shall place their Proposal Submission in a sealed envelope or package with the Respondent's full legal name and return address, the RFP Number, the Submission Deadline and the label "Proposal Submission" clearly displayed on the outside of the envelope.

Where required by the RFP Data Sheet to use a two-envelope process, Respondents shall have one sealed envelope as prescribed above that contains two individual sealed envelopes inside that are clearly marked "Technical Submission" and "Financial Submission".

- (c) For the convenience of the Respondents, and only when identified in the RFP Data Sheet, ONTC may allow either an Electronic Bid Submission through MERX or a Physical Bid Submission. The Respondent shall only use one method and follow the same procedure prescribed above.
- (2) Proposals must be received before the time noted in the RFP Data Sheet.
- (3) Proposals will be date and time stamped at the place receiving the Proposals. Late Proposals will be returned unopened.
- (4) Proposals which are submitted by facsimile transmission, email, or by electronic means other than MERX will NOT be considered.
- (5) Respondents are solely responsible for the method and timing of delivery of their Proposals.
- (6) ONTC reserves the right to make copies of the Respondent's Proposals as it may be required for the purpose of conducting a full evaluation of the Proposal submitted.
- (7) The Respondent should identify and mark any trade secret or proprietary intellectual property in its Proposal.

5.2 Late Proposals

- (1) ONTC will reject Proposals that are received after the Submission Deadline.

5.3 Withdrawal of Proposals

- (1) When submitting a Physical Bid Submission, a Respondent may withdraw its Proposal at any time before the Submission Deadline by notifying the Contact Person in writing. ONTC shall return, unopened, a Proposal that has been withdrawn.
- (2) When submitting an Electronic Bid Submission, MERX will allow withdrawal of Proposals up to the Submission Deadline.

5.4 Amendment of Proposals

- (1) When submitting a Physical Bid Submission, Respondents may amend their Proposals after submission but only if the original Proposal is withdrawn and the amended Proposal is submitted before the Submission Deadline.
- (2) Electronic Bid Submissions through MERX will allow amendments up to the closing date and time; however, **Respondents are responsible for ensuring they allow sufficient time to upload the amended documents.**
- (3) If more than one Proposal is received from the same Respondent before the Submission Deadline, only the last Proposal received before the Submission Deadline will be considered.

5.5 Proposal Irrevocability

- (1) Subject to the Respondent's right to withdraw or amend the Proposal before the Submission Deadline, the Respondent's Proposal is irrevocable and shall remain in effect and open for acceptance for ninety (90) days after the Submission Deadline.

5.6 One Proposal per Person or Entity

- (1) Except as set out in the RFP Data Sheet or with ONTC's approval:
 - (a) a person or entity shall submit or participate in only one Proposal either individually or as a Respondent team member; and
 - (b) a person or entity shall not be a subcontractor of a Respondent and also submit a Proposal individually or as a Respondent team member in the same RFP Process.
- (2) If a person or entity submits or participates in more than one Proposal in contravention of RFP Section 5.6(1), ONTC may, in its sole discretion, disqualify any or all of the Proposals submitted by that person or entity or in which that person or entity is a participant.

SECTION 6 - PROPOSAL EVALUATION

6.1 Evaluation Team

- (1) ONTC will establish an evaluation team for the purpose of evaluating Proposals (the "**Evaluation Team**").
- (2) The Evaluation Team may, in its sole discretion, delegate certain administrative functions related to the evaluation of Proposals to a separate team of individuals who are not members of the Evaluation Team, who will be supervised by the Evaluation Team. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, but for greater particularity, the Evaluation Team

may seek the advice and assistance of third-party consultants and the Government of Ontario. Each Respondent acknowledges that the RFP documents may have been prepared with the assistance of a third-party consultant and that the consultant may participate in the evaluation of the Proposals.

6.2 Evaluation of Proposals

- (1) The Respondents' Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the Evaluation Team on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP Data Sheet (the "**Evaluation Criteria**").
- (2) After selection of the Short-listed Respondent(s), ONTC may, in its sole discretion, negotiate changes, amendments or modifications to the Short-listed Respondent's Proposal or the Final Agreement.
- (3) If ONTC is of the opinion that any of the following apply, then ONTC may, in ONTC's sole discretion, decline to select that Respondent to be a Short-listed Respondent:
 - (a) a Respondent has submitted a price that is clearly insufficient to perform the supply of Goods and/or Services;
 - (b) a Respondent has previously provided poor performance to ONTC or a subsidiary of ONTC;
 - (c) a Respondent is disqualified from participating in the RFP Process per RFP Section 7.2 (1)(i);
 - (d) ONTC cannot, to ONTC's satisfaction, prior to the conclusion of the RFP Process, verify independently or through a third party or parties any and/or all information, statements, representations and/or warranties contained in the Proposal;
 - (e) a Respondent or any subcontractor of the Respondent is not financially sound, or ONTC is unable to obtain from the Respondent or third-party sources reasonable assurances of the financial position of the Respondent or any of its subcontractors;
 - (f) the overall cost to ONTC would be significantly increased with that Respondent;
 - (g) the Respondent failed to meet the mandatory requirements specified in the RFP Data Sheet; or
 - (h) the Respondent failed to attain the minimum score required for the Technical Submission, where the RFP Data Sheet called for a two-envelope process.

6.3 Short-Listing

- (1) The Evaluation Team will establish the list of Short-listed Respondents based on the Evaluation Criteria.
- (2) The number of Respondents short-listed is in the sole discretion of ONTC.

6.4 Interviews, Site Visits, Demonstrations and Presentations

- (1) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, conduct interviews, demonstrations, site visits or presentations as part of the evaluation process if set out in the RFP Data Sheet.
- (2) The evaluation of any interviews, demonstrations, site visits or presentations will be conducted in accordance with the process set out in the RFP Data Sheet.
- (3) ONTC may conduct interviews, demonstrations, site visits or presentations with some or all Respondents, or may restrict participation to only the Short-listed Respondent(s).

SECTION 7 - GENERAL EVALUATION AND DISQUALIFICATION PROVISIONS

7.1 ONTC's Discretion

- (1) ONTC may determine, in its sole discretion:
 - (a) the membership of the Evaluation Team;
 - (b) if a Proposal is compliant with the RFP Documents;
 - (c) if a failure to comply is material;
 - (d) if a Proposal or a Respondent is disqualified;
 - (e) the evaluation results and ranking for each Respondent; and
 - (f) which Respondent, if any, and how many Respondents, based on the evaluation process, will be Short-listed Respondents.

7.2 Disqualification

- (1) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, disqualify a Respondent or a Respondent's Proposal or cancel its decision to identify a Respondent as a Short-listed Respondent or a Successful Respondent, at any time prior to the execution of the Final Agreement by ONTC, if:
 - (a) The Respondent fails to cooperate in any attempt by ONTC to clarify or verify any information provided by the Respondent in its Proposal;

- (b) The Respondent contravenes RFP Section 3.5, RFP Section 3.6 or RFP Section 5.6(2);
 - (c) The Respondent fails to comply with the Applicable Laws;
 - (d) The Proposal contains false or misleading information, or the Respondent provides false or misleading information in any part of the RFP Process;
 - (e) The Proposal, in the sole discretion of ONTC, reveals a Conflict of Interest that cannot be managed, mitigated or minimized;
 - (f) There is evidence that the Respondent colluded with one or more other Respondents in the preparation or submission of Proposals;
 - (g) The Respondent has previously breached or been in default of compliance with any term of any agreement with ONTC and such breach or default has not been waived by ONTC or the Respondent has not cured the default;
 - (h) The Respondent has been convicted of an offence in connection with any services rendered by the Respondent to ONTC, or to any Ministry, Agency, Board or Commission of the Government of Ontario or the Government of Canada;
 - (i) The Respondent, at the time of issuance of this RFP or any time during the RFP Process, has an outstanding claim or is engaged in an ongoing legal dispute with ONTC, other than an adjudication under the Construction Act;
 - (j) The Proposal is not Substantially Compliant;
 - (k) The Respondent has failed to notify ONTC of, or ONTC has not approved, a post-submission change in the control of the Respondent or in the circumstances of the Respondent that may materially negatively impact the Respondent's ability to perform its obligations if selected as the Successful Respondent; or
 - (l) The Respondent has received a Vendor Performance Evaluation as part of ONTC's Vendor Performance Policy, and received a total rating on the Final Performance Form that disqualifies the Respondent from participating in the RFP Process.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 7.2 (1), ONTC shall retain the right to select as the Successful Respondent, any Respondent(s) which, in ONTC's sole and absolute discretion, has submitted a substantially compliant Proposal(s).

7.3 General Rights of ONTC

- (1) ONTC may, in its sole discretion and at any time during the RFP process:

- (a) reject any or all of the Proposals;
 - (b) accept any Proposal or any portions of any Proposals for any reason whatsoever;
 - (c) reject any Proposals or any portions of Proposals for any reason whatsoever,
 - (d) if only one Proposal is received, elect to either accept it, reject it, or enter into negotiations with the applicable Respondent;
 - (e) elect not to proceed with, cancel, or terminate the RFP;
 - (f) alter the Submission Deadline or any other deadlines associated with the RFP Process;
 - (g) change the RFP Process or any other aspect of the RFP Documents; or
 - (h) cancel this RFP Process and subsequently conduct another competitive process for the same Goods and/or Services that are the subject matter of this RFP or subsequently enter into negotiations with any person or persons with respect to the Goods and/or Services that are the subject matter of this RFP.
- (2) If ONTC, in its sole discretion, is of the opinion that all of Proposals submitted are not substantially compliant, ONTC may:
- (a) take any action in accordance with Section 7.3. (1);
 - (b) carry out a process whereby all Respondents are directed to correct the deficiencies in their Proposals for re-submission; or
 - (c) negotiate an agreement for the whole or any part of the Goods and/or Services with a Respondent which has submitted a Non-compliant Proposal.

SECTION 8 - AGREEMENT FINALIZATION AND DEBRIEFING AND SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENT

8.1 Finalization of the Agreement

- (1) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, retain more than one Respondent to provide the Goods and/or Services.
- (2) ONTC reserves the right in its sole discretion to sub-divide and/or bundle the Goods and/or Services which are the subject of this RFP and award one or any number of separate contracts for the Goods and/or Services.

- (3) ONTC may, in its sole discretion, enter into negotiations with one or more Respondent(s) for the purpose of selecting a Successful Respondent(s) and finalizing an agreement.
- (4) Either ONTC or a Respondent may withdraw from negotiations at any time prior to the Successful Respondent(s) being identified.
- (5) The Successful Respondent is expected to enter into the form of draft Agreement at Part 5. Proposal Form 5 – Compliance with Contract Documents allows a Respondent to submit suggested changes to the Draft Agreement. ONTC does not have any obligation to accept any proposed changes to the Draft Agreement and will do so in its sole discretion. ONTC may, in ONTC's sole discretion; (i) consider only a minimal number of changes to the Draft Agreement; (ii) consider significant material proposed changes to negatively impact the evaluation of the Respondent's proposal; or (iii) disqualify any Respondent where the changes or the number of changes made by the Respondent to the Draft Agreement would be, in ONTC's sole discretion, too onerous to successfully negotiate within the timeframe set out in Section 8.1 (6) below or are unacceptable to ONTC.

In any event, ONTC will not accept any material changes to the clauses in the Draft Agreement relating to the Confidentiality, Personal Information, Intellectual Property ownership and infringement, Indemnification, Limitation of Liability or rights of ONTC on termination. ONTC, as an Ontario Crown corporation, is unable to provide indemnities pursuant to s.28 of the *Financial Administration Act* (Ontario).

If a Respondent does not submit any proposed amendments in Proposal Form 5, it will be deemed to have accepted and will be required to execute the Final Agreement in the form attached to this RFP. If a Respondent has submitted proposed amendments to the Final Agreement, negotiations respecting those amendments shall be conducted within the timeframe set out in Section 8.1(6).

- (6) If a Successful Respondent fails or refuses to enter into and execute the Final Agreement within ten (10) Business Days of being notified they are the Successful Respondent (ONTC may extend such period of time in ONTC's sole discretion), or a Successful Respondent fails or refuses to provide the documentation in accordance with Section 8.1(7), ONTC may, in its sole discretion, take any one of the following actions:
 - (a) terminate all negotiations and cancel its identification of that Respondent as a Successful Respondent;
 - (b) select another Respondent or Short-Listed Respondent as the Successful Respondent;
 - (c) take any other action in accordance with Section 7.3; or
 - (d) pursue any other remedy available to ONTC at law.

- (7) Prior to supplying any Goods and/or Services pursuant to the Contract, the Successful Respondent shall deliver to ONTC:
- (a) certificates of insurance as specified in the draft Agreement;
 - (b) executed Contractors Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement;
 - (c) Respondent's Health and Safety, and Environmental Policies; and
 - (d) a current Clearance Certificate issued by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, if applicable.

8.2 Notification If Successful or Not

- (1) The Successful Respondent and unsuccessful Respondents will be notified by ONTC in writing regarding their success or failure in the RFP Process.

8.3 Debriefing

- (1) Respondents may request a debriefing after receipt of a notification pursuant to RFP Section 8.2. All Respondent requests should be in writing to the Contact Person no later than 60 calendar days after receipt of the notification. ONTC will conduct debriefings in the format prescribed by the OPS Procurement Directive.

SECTION 9 - LEGAL MATTERS AND RIGHTS OF ONTC

9.1 Limit on Liability

- (1) The total liability of the Respondent to ONTC for loss and damage arising from the Respondent who is selected as the Successful Respondent but then fails to deliver the evidence of insurance or other documents required under Section 8.1(7) within the time period specified in Section 8.1(6) or fails to execute the Final Agreement shall be limited to ten (10) percent of the value of the Proposal provided by the Respondent. The liability of the Respondents for any other loss or damage suffered by ONTC as part of this RFP Process shall be without limit.
- (2) By submitting a Proposal,
- (a) each Respondent acknowledges ONTC's rights as stated herein and absolutely waives any right of action against ONTC for ONTC's failure to accept the Respondent's Proposal whether such right of action arises in contract, negligence, bad faith, or any other cause of action;
 - (b) each Respondent covenants and agrees that, under no circumstances, shall ONTC, or any of its employees, officers, representatives, agents or advisors, be liable to any Respondent, whether in contract, tort, restitution, or pursuant to any other legal theory, for any claim, action, loss, damage, cost, expense or liability

whatsoever and howsoever arising from this RFP Process, a Respondent's Proposal in response to this RFP Process, or due to the acceptance or non-acceptance of any Proposal, or as a result of any act or omission by ONTC and/or its employees, officers, representatives, agents or advisors, including any information or advice or any errors or omissions that may be contained in the RFP Documents, or any other documents or information provided to a Respondent, or arising with respect to the rejection or evaluation of any or all of the Proposals, any negotiations with any of the Respondents, or the selection of any Respondent as a Short-listed Respondent or the Successful Respondent; and,

- (c) each Respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless ONTC, its employees, officers, representatives, agents and advisors, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions or proceedings brought by third parties, including but not limited to the Respondent's subcontractors or suppliers, in relation to this RFP Process.

9.2 Power of Legislative Assembly

- (1) No provision of the RFP Documents (including a provision stating the intention of ONTC) is intended to operate, nor shall any such provision have the effect of operating, in any way, that would interfere with or otherwise fetter the discretion of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in the exercise of its legislative powers.

9.3 RFP Not a "Bidding Contract" or a Tender

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this RFP, this RFP is not a tender call, ONTC does not intend to create any contractual relations or obligations with any of the Respondents by virtue of issuing this RFP, and this RFP is not an offer to enter into a contract (often referred to as "Contract A"). Except as provided in RFP Section 3.8 and 9.1, neither this RFP nor the submission of a Proposal by a Respondent shall create any legal or contractual rights or obligations whatsoever on any of the Respondent, ONTC, the Government of Ontario or any Ministry of the Government of Ontario.

SECTION 10 - VENDOR PERFORMANCE

10.1 General

- (1) ONTC has established a Vendor Performance Policy, which provides a framework for ONTC to maximize the value for money of its Vendors by:
 - (a) proactively managing the performance of Vendors in accordance with ONTC's Purchasing Policy; and,
 - (b) creating a record of past performance for use by ONTC when selecting Vendors for the supply of goods and services.

10.2 Vendor Performance Evaluation

- (1) Successful Respondents who enter into a Final Agreement with ONTC may be required to participate in the Vendor Performance Evaluation process.

10.3 Vendor Ratings for Proposal Evaluation Purposes

- (1) ONTC may access a Respondent's Vendor Performance Evaluations for previous contracts as part of the Evaluation Process. The manner in which the Respondent's ratings will be used will be identified in the Evaluation Criteria of the RFP Data Sheet.

SECTION 11 - TRANSPARENCY AND FAIRNESS

11.1 General

- (1) ONTC is committed to procuring goods and services through a process that is conducted in a fair and transparent manner, providing equal opportunity to vendors.
- (2) ONTC endeavors to provide specifications that meet the requirements of the procurement without naming specific brands. However, there may be instances where a third-party consultant prepares a specification on behalf of ONTC, and a specific brand is named. In these instances, alternate materials or products may be used if ONTC determines the proposed materials or products are equivalent to the materials or products in the specifications. Respondents shall submit proposed alternate materials or products with their Proposal submission to be considered.

SECTION 12 - INTERPRETATION

12.1 General

- (1) In this RFP, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular, except where the context otherwise requires.
- (2) All references in this RFP to "discretion" or "sole discretion" means in the sole and absolute discretion of the party exercising the discretion.
- (3) For clarity, where the expression "Government of Ontario" is used in this RFP, it includes all Ministries and Agencies of the Government of Ontario.



PART 2

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**

**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
 SCHEDULE 2-A
 RFP DATA SHEET**

RFP 2025 005 Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail	
Contact Details	
Contact Person	Nicole Laplante, Procurement Contracts Specialist
Contact Information	555 Oak Street East North Bay, Ontario, P1B 8L3 nicole.laplante@ontarionorthland.ca (705) 472-4500 ext. 588
Proposal Detail	
Site Visit	There will not be a Respondent's Meeting. Respondents shall seek any clarifications upto four (4) Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline Date and Time.
Validity of Proposals	90 days following the Submission Deadline
Format of Submission	Respondents shall submit their Proposal through MERX Electronic Bid Submissions (EBS). Refer to Part 1, Request for Proposals, Section 5.1 (1) (a). MERX EBS does not allow Proposals to be uploaded after the Submission Deadline; therefore, Respondents shall ensure they allow sufficient time to upload the documents. Proposals which are submitted by facsimile transmission, by email or by electronic means other than MERX <u>will NOT</u> be considered.
Two-Envelope Process	This procurement <u>will not</u> be a two-envelope process.
Distribution Method	The RFP Documents will be posted on the ONTC website and MERX. Any addenda to the RFP will be posted in these locations.

**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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 SCHEDULE 2-A
 RFP DATA SHEET *cont'd***

RFP 2025 005 Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail			
Proposal Detail <i>cont'd</i>			
Submission Requirements	<p>Respondents are required to submit all of the material documents listed below as part of their Proposal. Respondents shall confirm they have included the documents listed below with their Proposal by placing a checkmark in the column "Included in Proposal". If the Respondent fails to include a document listed below as being "Material", the respondent may be disqualified in accordance with section 6.2 (3) of the RFP.</p>		
	Item	Included in Proposal (indicate with <input type="checkbox"/>)	Item is classified as Material
	This checklist		
	Proposal Form 1 - Proposal Submission Form		Material
	Proposal Form 1-A - Schedule of Prices		Material
	Proposal Form 2 - Respondent's General Information		Material
	Proposal Form 3 - Acknowledgment to Comply with Part 3 - Request for Proposals Specifications		Material
	Proposal Form 4 - Compliance with Contract Documents		
	Proposal Form 5 - Experience and Qualifications		Material
	Proposal Form 6 - Claims		Material

**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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SCHEDULE 2-A *cont'd*
RFP DATA SHEET**

RFP 2025 005 Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail	
Important Dates	
Publication Date	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Participation Registration Form	Complete and submit to the Contact Person as soon as possible
Deadline for Additional Information Request	Four (4) full Business Days prior to the Submission Deadline
Submission Deadline Date and Time	Friday, July 4, 2025 at 2:00:00 p.m. (EST)
Target Contract Start Date	Monday, August 4, 2025

**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
 SCHEDULE 2-A cont'd
 RFP DATA SHEET**

RFP 2025 005 Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail							
Procedure of Selection							
Evaluation General Procedure	Respondents must score a <u>minimum of 50%</u> for Experience and Qualifications to qualify for shortlist consideration. Respondents who fail to score a minimum of 50% in this category will be disqualified from the RFP Process.						
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**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
 SCHEDULE 2-A *cont'd*
 RFP DATA SHEET**

RFP 2025 005 Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail		
Procedure of Selection <i>cont'd</i>		
	Description	Weight
Evaluation Criteria	<p>Experience and Qualifications (<i>cont'd</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respondents must specify where ONTC’s scrap rail will be stored after collection to ensure proper storage and disposal. - 3 Points • Respondents must provide the final destination for ONTC’s scrap rail, including approximate distances (in kilometers), in addition to indicating the mode(s) of transportation (e.g., rail, road, air, ocean) that will be used to deliver ONTC’s scrap rail to its final destination. - 4 Points • Respondents must explain whether and how ONTC’s scrap rail will be recycled or repurposed into new products - 5 Points <p><u><i>This information should be provided under Proposal Form 5 - Contractors’ Qualification Statement</i></u></p>	
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**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
 SCHEDULE 2-A *cont'd*
 RFP DATA SHEET**

RFP 2024 057 Sale and Disposal of Scrap Metals		
Procedure of Selection <i>cont'd</i>		
	Description	Weight
Evaluation Criteria	<p>Health, Environmental and Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of your Company's Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Policy - 2 Points • A copy of the Environmental Compliance Approvals issued by the Ministry of Environment - 2 Points • Details about operations and initiatives that promote environmentally friendly processes and standards. - 5 Points • Specific steps the Respondent will take to help ONTC reduce its carbon footprint. - 3 Points • Proof of compliance with Ontario's environmental regulations and procedures, such as a Waste Management Plan. - 3 Points <p><u><i>This information should be provided under Proposal Form 5 - Contractors' Qualification Statement</i></u></p>	15
	Total	100

**PART 2 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
SCHEDULE 2-B
PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION FORM**

Required in order to register and receive any communications in relation to the requirement referenced below.

Date: _____
Reference Number: RFP 2025 005
Description of Requirement: Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail

I, the undersigned, am registering to participate in the above referenced requirement and will be the primary contact for any communications in relation to this process and project until further advised.

Company Name: _____
Address: _____

Name of person registering to represent
company referenced above (please print): _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: (Main Office Number) _____
Cell Number: _____

Signature of Primary Contact: _____

Return form to the Contact Person as referenced below via email as an attachment:

Thank you.

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Procurement Contracts Specialist
Ontario Northland Transportation Commission
Phone: 705-472-4500 Ext. 588
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PART 3
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SPECIFICATIONS

PART 3 - RFP SPECIFICATIONS
SCHEDULE 3-A-1
SCOPE OF WORK

Summary

ONTC is looking for qualified and experienced service providers for the removal, transportation, and recycling/disposal of various lengths of Scrap Rail for ONTC. The objective of this project is to remove all scrap rail and ensure its proper recycling and/or disposal in accordance with all environmental guidelines and/or regulations.

The Successful Respondent will supply, maintain and operate all equipment required to dispose of all scrap rail.

The program will involve a three (3) year agreement (2025 - 2027) with two (2) optional one (1) year terms (2028 and 2029), which will be subject to approval each year. If ONTC chooses to continue with the two (2) optional one (1) year terms (2028 and 2029).

Scope of Work

ONTC has approximately 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 lbs of scrap rail which is being sold “AS IS, WHERE IS”.

ONTC will be responsible for the collection of all scrap rail and will endeavour to load all material into the gondola cars as supplied by the purchaser and/or scrap recycler. All gondola cars will be delivered to North Bay, ON, however, will be moved within the ONTC rail system to various locations in order to be loaded. The purchaser and/or scrap recycler shall coordinate pick up with the ONTC Representative.

ONTC is open to shipping the rail via gondola cars as supplied by the purchaser and/or scrap recycler, at the expense of the purchaser and/or scrap recycler. ONTC is also open to the purchaser and/or scrap recycler utilizing their own equipment to load the scrap rail into trucks. These options can be discussed and coordinated with the ONTC Representative.

The purchaser and/or scrap recycler shall remove and dispose of all scrap rail off ONTC property at their expense. Any dumping, cutting, loading, lifting, transport, or shipping fees will be at the expense of the purchaser and/or scrap recycler.

The purchaser and/or scrap recycler must consider the costs to lift and freight the cars off ONTC property in their bid price. Gondola cars will be weighed on ONTC-registered weight scales before leaving the property.

ONTC requests that purchasers and/or scrap recyclers bid a price per Net Ton as of the July AMM Index for each car. Purchasers and/or scrap recyclers shall hold the bidder percentage over or under the AMM Index Price for the duration of the contract. The bidder percentage over or under the AMM Index can be reviewed with the Successful Respondent at the end of the 3-

year agreement and, if ONTC elects to enter into a further optional term agreement with the Successful Respondent.

Contractor Responsibilities

- Supply gondola cars for the removal process
- Dispose of non-recyclable waste in compliance with local environmental regulations.

Details

Year	Scrap Rail Average Volume (lbs.) annually	Rate per Net Ton/2,000lb	Bid % over or under AMM Index price
2025 - 2027	1,000,000 to 1,200,000	\$	%
Optional Terms			
2028 - 2029	1,000,000 to 1,200,000	\$	%

Safety and Compliance

- All work will comply with safety regulations and environmental laws
- All workers require proper use of PPE.
- Successful supplier will have to comply with ONTC’s Contractor/Sub-Contractor policy provided under Schedule 3-A-2 - ONTC Policy and Procedure
- Handling and disposal of hazardous materials, if encountered, following legal protocols.

Additional Details

- Proposal Prices are to be quoted in **Canadian Funds**, per Net Ton/2,000lb only (ex.: CAD \$350/NT), and are to include any cartage, loading and unloading at specified drop points.
- All work must be performed in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, and ONTC’s requirements.
- The Contractor shall provide and wear all safety equipment required to meet the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and any other applicable regulations while on ONTC property and during the fulfillment of the contract. The Contractor must comply with all applicable codes, acts, rules and regulations as required by municipal, provincial, and federal authorities and ONTC.
- The Contractor will ensure that only safe, appropriate, maintained and inspected equipment is on ONTC property.
- The Contractor shall be responsible for providing all transportation and loading equipment necessary to carry out the contract

- The sale price will be based on ONTC weight tickets when leaving the ONTC Rail yard.
- Payment must be received in full prior to each car being released. Should cars be delayed for shipment due to payment issues, demurrage fees will be applied.

**PART 3 - RFP SPECIFICATIONS
SCHEDULE 3-A-2
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

The Successful Respondent will be required to adhere to the following ONTC Policy and Procedure while under contract with ONTC, and which are attached to this Schedule 3-A-2.

TITLE
ONTC Contractor / Subcontractor

DATE FORMALIZED February 2019 REVISED September 17, 2024	CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY
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POLICY STATEMENT

In keeping with our values of Safety Full Stop, Go Beyond, Lead the Way, and Never Stop Caring, Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) adheres to the requirements of the Canada Labour Code and all applicable Regulations by ensuring that all selected contractors and subcontractors meet the set health and safety standards associated with each project.

All work shall be done safely no matter how urgent the job is and ONTC will assure that all contractors and subcontractors working on any ONTC property and/or project will follow this policy, adhering to all health and safety legislation and working in a manner that puts the safety of each employee/worker and the environment as the top priority.

PURPOSE

The purposes of this policy are to:

- Ensure that the health and safety of all Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) employees, equipment, property, and environment are protected when work is being performed by an outside agency.
- Ensure that all contractors retained by the ONTC are compliant with ONTC policies, procedures, standards, and applicable legislation.
- Ensure that all contractor employees and ONTC employees are provided with a safe and healthy work environment.
- Eliminate or minimize the risk of loss to employees, equipment, property, and environment.
- Minimize corporate liabilities.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This procedure applies to all ONTC divisions and departments that engage the services of an outside agency to perform work at any level.

DEFINITIONS

Adequate: in relation to a procedure, plan, material, device, object, or thing, means

- a) Sufficient for both its intended use and actual use; and
- b) Sufficient to protect a worker from occupational illness or occupational injury.

Competent Person: a person who is:

- a) qualified because of knowledge, training, and experience to organize the work and its performance,
- b) familiar with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and/or the Canada Labour Code and the regulations that apply to the work, and
- c) has knowledge of any potential or actual danger to health or safety in the workplace.

Construction: includes erection, alteration, repair, dismantling, demolition, structural maintenance, painting, land clearing, earth moving, grading, excavating, trenching, digging, boring, drilling, blasting, or concreting, the installation of any machinery or plant, and any work or undertaking in connection with a project, but does not include any work or undertaking in a mine.

Constructor: a person who undertakes a project for an owner and includes an owner who undertakes all or part of a project by himself/herself or by more than one employer.

Consultant: a person who is retained by ONTC to provide professional non-construction services.

Contractor: any person or entity contracted to provide service to ONTC.

Employer: a person who employs one or more workers, or contracts for the services of one or more workers, and includes a contractor or subcontractor who performs work or supplies services and a contractor or subcontractor who undertakes with an owner, constructor, contractor, or subcontractor, to perform work or supply services.

Lead Employer: an employer who contracts for the services of one or more other employers or independent contractors in relation to one or more confined spaces that are located,

- a) in the lead employer's own workplace, or
- b) in another employer's workplace.

Prescribed: means established in a Regulation made under the Occupational Health and Safety Act or Canada Labour Code

Project: a construction project, whether public or private, including:

- a) the construction of a building, bridge, structure, industrial establishment, mining plant, shaft, tunnel, caisson, trench, excavation, highway, railway, street, runway, parking lot, cofferdam, conduit, sewer, watermain, service connection, telegraph, telephone or electrical cable, pipeline, duct or well, or any combination thereof,
- b) the moving of a building or structure, and
- c) any work or undertaking, or any lands or appurtenances, used in connection with construction.

Project Administrator: a person who leads/coordinates a project.

Regulation: the regulations made under the Occupational Health and Safety Act or the Canada Labour Code.

Subcontractor: a person or company that a contractor pays to do part of a job that the contractor has agreed to do and is responsible for.

SUPPORTING MATERIAL REQUIRED

Contractor Safety Checklist and Orientation Form
ONTC Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement
Project Hazard Assessment
Contractor Orientation Training Package

PROCEDURE

Once it has been determined that a contractor will be required, a lead must be immediately established regardless of the size of the project. That lead will become the Project Administrator for the purposes of this policy, ensuring that all requirements of this policy are met.

Before Contractors/Subcontractors begin work/project ensure the following are adhered to:

- All Contractors on the property are compliant and current with all legislative licensing requirements.
- All Contractors provide a valid WSIB Clearance Certificate and/or liability insurance before beginning any work on ONTC property.
- Orientation training is provided to contractors prior to commencement of work.
- Contractors understand their contractual obligations under this standard.
- Provide a designated ONTC contact person to ensure Contractors' compliance to ONTC policies, procedures and standards through ongoing work site inspections, communications and reported safety concerns.
- Ensure that application of this standard is delivered and used consistently throughout ONTC operations.
- Where the work/project is occurring in an area where there may be ONTC employees, inform those employees of potential risk and communicate all restrictions and responsibilities.

The Project Administrator shall establish practices so that all Contractors, subcontractors, or contract workers perform their work in a safe and effective manner and meet all the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Canada Labour Code, and the Construction Regulations. The Project Administrator must be adequately familiar with all applicable laws, codes and regulations and be capable of applying them.

Construction Work that meets Provincial "Project" Definition

Where ONTC retains a Contractor with provincial jurisdiction, and the work meets the definition of "project" per the Provincial Construction Regulations, the Contractor will assume the position of Constructor. Under these circumstances:

- ONTC is not responsible for ensuring that Contractors meet their provincial obligations as they relate to applicable Regulations.
- Contractors will assume control of all work at the construction site.
- ONTC will ensure that any Contractor is pre-qualified before awarding any contract and will monitor work activity to ensure work is being done safely and meets expectations.

ONTC will ensure that:

- all Contractors/Subcontractors are properly trained,
- contractors/Subcontractors are monitored and requirements for safety are observed, and

- procedures for safe conduct of the work are in place and known to Contractor's employees.

The Project Administrator shall direct the Contractor in completion of all applicable documentation, as described by the Contractor Safety Prequalification Procedure. The Project Administrator shall ensure that the Constructor maintains full responsibility for safety.

Where the Project Administrator identifies unsafe situations, they are responsible for bringing this forward to the Contractor and shall stop work if deemed necessary.

Non-Construction Work where ONTC is Acting as the “Employer”

The Project Administrator shall review the ONTC's applicable policies and procedures with the contractors/subcontractors. It is recommended that all contractor/subcontractor workers undergo this training orientation, but it is mandatory that at least the contractor's supervisor or site superintendent receive the orientation and then have a method to ensure that this information is passed on to all employees under their direct control.

NOTE: The requirement of “Lead Employer” must be fulfilled if the work is Confined Space Entry work.

It is the responsibility of the Project Administrator to ensure the contractor is aware that project specific training is to be conducted.

The Project Hazard Assessment form shall be completed by the Project Administrator and reviewed with all contractors prior to commencement of work.

Contractors/subcontractors who regularly perform services at ONTC must complete a Contractor Training Orientation on an annual basis or whenever there is a change in personnel or applicable and safety conditions which may affect the contractor's/subcontractor's workers. For project contracts, a Hazard Safety Assessment form will be completed each time the contractor performs a new project, unless the same contract personnel have performed project work of a similar nature within the previous 12 months.

Prequalification

Pre-Qualification of a contractor is designed to ensure that the contractor has:

- Appropriate current and sufficient insurance,
- WSIB Coverage,
- An appropriate and compliant health and safety policy,
- Competent supervisors, and
- A program to completely undertake and control the construction work being conducted at ONTC.

When pre-qualifying a contractor who will not act as “Constructor,” ONTC shall determine whether the contractor has the specific policies, procedures, training, and supervision to perform the job safely and in compliance with all provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the applicable Regulations. Use the Contractor Safety Prequalification form to fulfill this policy obligation.

If the Procurement department is completing the prequalification procedure, input may be required from the Manager of Health and Safety or the Project Administrator if there are specific requirements for a project.

The following items must be submitted by the contractor for prequalification:

- Certificates of insurance – general liability insurance (Minor projects \$2,000,000 minimum, Major Projects \$5,000,000 minimum).
- WSIB Safety Record – submit a copy for the last 3 years or equivalent accident/injury data.
- Current Clearance certificate – Confirms Contractor has met reporting and payment obligations to WSIB. ONTC requires the Contractor to submit a copy of the clearance certificate every 2 months and before the final payment on the contract has been made.
- Contractor's Health and Safety Policy.
- Past environmental, Health and Safety Records – a copy for the last 2 years.
- Training and Certification Records – Documentation verifying all workers have received the necessary safety training required for the specific job.
- Hazardous material list – List of all hazardous materials that will be brought onto ONTC property.
- ONTC may require a separate work plan detailing higher hazard work activity or any tasks that may tend to produce adverse consequences.

Procurement or the Project Administrator will ensure that the Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement has been completed by the Contractor.

Procurement or the Project Administrator will ensure current copies of insurance, WSIB clearance certificates, and annual safety reviews are maintained for pre-qualified contractors.

Contractors who have already been prequalified should be reasonably favoured and used for OTNC projects.

Project Management

In all circumstances except where a Contractor has assumed the role of Constructor, the Project Administrator is responsible for health and safety on the project and must halt the project if there are health and safety concerns. The Project Administrator must maintain communication with the Contractor throughout the project.

The Project Administrator is responsible to ensure that all health and safety documentation for the project is completed and maintained.

The Project Administrator is responsible to create an ONTC Project Assessment Folder and complete it with Contractor prior to any work beginning. The folder includes the following documents:

- Signed Contractor Safety Responsibility Agreement,
- Certificates of Insurance – General Liability Insurance,
- WSIB Safety Record,
- Current Clearance Certificate,
- Contractor's health and safety policy and procedures applicable to the work being conducted,
- Training, licensing, and certification records,

- Hazardous materials list and current SDS for material brought onto ONTC property and already onsite that will be used during or encountered during the project,
- Completed Contractor Orientation Training Records,
- Copies of any applicable ONTC procedures that have been reviewed,
- Completed Contractor Prequalification form.

The Project Hazard Assessment form must be filed once the project has been completed and made available for review if required for auditing purposes.

The Project Administrator must ensure that the Contractor Orientation Training is completed for all workers on the project.

On-Site Safety: All ONTC safety procedures (Fall protection, Confined Space Entry, Lockout/Tagout, Ladder Safety, WHMIS, Personal Protection Equipment, Respiratory Protection, etc.) apply to all construction work on ONTC projects, unless the Contractor's procedures exceed ours.

The Project Administrator shall review all applicable safety procedures with contractors/subcontractors at the site. Copies of the ONTC procedures can be obtained through MyPolicies.

The Project Administrator will ensure that daily safety briefings are conducted prior to the beginning of each project workday, as well as regularly inspect the work site as the project requires.

If the Contractor or subcontractor has a question or concern regarding safety on the project, they should speak to the Project Administrator or their immediate supervisor.

All contractor(s) or subcontractor(s) supervisors must report to the Project Administrator:

- Any unsafe actions or conditions,
- Contraventions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Canada Labour Code and Regulations or any ONTC safety procedure, or
- Existence of any hazard at the project.

Any incident (first aid, near miss, etc.) on the project must be immediately reported to the Project Administrator.

NOTE: Workers and their supervisors shall be held accountable for violations of health and safety rules, regulations, and procedures. Disciplinary action, where necessary, will be dictated by the ONTC disciplinary procedure and will be based on the merits of the specific case.

RESPONSIBILITIES

To ensure clarity of responsibility, where a Contractor is hired to conduct work for ONTC and the provincial Occupational Health and Safety Act applies in respect of that work, the Contractor will assume the position of Constructor.

No ONTC employee will be assigned to work on the same project as the general contractor unless there is an agreement between the Contractor and ONTC determining the contractor as the Constructor.

Where a project requires more than one Employer, ONTC may enter into an agreement before the commencement of the project to determine control over the project identifying who will be the Constructor.

Employer

The Employer is responsible to:

- Ensure contractors, employees, supervisors, and managers are adequately aware of the provisions and requirements of the Purchasing Policy and Procedure.
- Ensure that contractors, subcontractors, and project worker companies are adequately prequalified in accordance with the Contractor Safety Prequalification Form for large projects or projects where the combined value of the project exceeds \$50,000.00 and where ONTC is the Constructor.
- Ensure contractors, subcontractors and project worker companies have agreed with and endorsed in writing the terms of the Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement.
- Properly implement and periodically audit the Contractor prequalification and safety procedure.
- Ensure that authorized staff comply within the Contractor Prequalification and Safety Procedure.
- Discipline and or remove from the authorized contractors list any contractor that fails to comply with this procedure.

Procurement

The Procurement Department is responsible to:

- Conduct prequalification in conjunction with the Project Administrator for consultants and service providers and ensure completion of the Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement.
- Where required ensure the Contractor completes the Prequalification Form before any construction work is initiated on any of the ONTC properties.
- Maintain a list of all service agreements, memoranda of understanding, and service contracts.
- Obtain a current copy of WSIB Clearance Certificates and Insurance Certificate for pre-qualified consultants and service providers.

Project Administrator

The Project Administrator is responsible to:

- Contract a prequalified contractor.
- Ensure contractors, subcontractors and project worker companies are prequalified in accordance with the Contractor Safety Prequalification Form.
- Ensure the Contractor completes the Contractor Orientation Training with the Contractor's workers prior to the beginning of a project.
- Complete with the Contractor and maintain the Project Hazard Assessment.
- Request applicable training records, certificates, licenses, and written procedures and measures from the Contractor as required.
- Ensure the Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement is completed by the Contractor prior to the beginning of work.

- Conduct safety briefings with the Contractor(s) prior to the work beginning and as required by the project.
- Periodically view the work areas to ensure compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, associated Regulations and the relevant ONTC safety procedures.
- Respond to safety concerns from contractors and others impacted by a project.
- Ensure all relevant ONTC safety procedures are being implemented at the project.
- Ensure all contractors have provided SDS for all hazardous product used and that the SDS are readily available if stored on ONTC property.
- Inform the supervisor and employees in the area where the work/project is occurring of potential risk, including restrictions and responsibilities needed to ensure their safety.

Where a Contractor is hired to perform work for ONTC and the work is subject to the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Contractor will assume the position of Constructor. The aforementioned duties or similar must then be completed by the Contractor.

Note: The Contractor – Constructor will be required to utilize their own prequalification and safety contract documents for any and all subcontractors hired to perform work on the project.

Contractors

Contractors are responsible to:

- Employ competent Supervisors and Workers.
- Comply with the Contractor Prequalification and Safety Procedure.
- Complete the ONTC Project Hazard Assessment and Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement.
- Furnish the ONTC with hard copies of applicable training records, certificates, licenses and written procedures and measures as required.
- Ensure that the Contractor Safety Checklist and Orientation form are completed and signed.
- Notify the Project Administrator of any questions or concerns with Contractor Prequalification and Safety Policies.
- Notify the Project Administrator of any contraventions of the Act or ONTC's Procedures.
- Participate in required safety training.
- Provide WSIB documentation and/or liability insurance confirming the Contractor is registered and their account is in good standing.
- Have all products used in their process evaluated by ONTC personnel prior to the products being brought onto ONTC property. This will be done through the evaluation of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) provided by the Contractor/subcontractor.
- Ensure copies of all SDS are readily available.
- Immediately inform designated ONTC contact person of there are any changes in their process or products used in their operation.
- Prior to entering ONTC property, register with Security, appropriate supervisor or designated ONTC contact person for direction.
- Ensure that all equipment and vehicles are properly maintained and meet prescribed safety standards, e.g., no loose pins on backhoe extensions or arms, safety pins and safety features are working properly.

Workplace/Policy Health and Safety Committees

The WHSC/PHSC are responsible to:

- Participate in the development and review of the Contractor/Subcontractor Health and Safety Policy, procedure, and applicable forms.
- Serve as a resource to employees regarding the Contractor/Subcontractor Health and Safety Policy, procedure, and applicable forms.

Manager Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Department is responsible to:

- Provide assistance if needed with prequalification process of contractors as required by the Procurement Department and/or the Project Administrator.
- Approve/disapprove exceptions to the Contractor Safety Prequalification process.
- Facilitate the development and review of the Contractor/Subcontractor Health and Safety Policy, procedure, and applicable forms.
- Apply and audit compliance, and discharge discipline when required, specific to the Contractor/ Subcontractor Health and Safety Policy, procedure, and applicable forms.

TRAINING

ONTC is responsible to ensure that those ONTC employees who have duties and responsibilities to act under this procedure are adequately trained in these duties as applicable.

The training shall reinforce the hazard control hierarchy as follows:

- **Elimination:** activities or practices that involve the complete removal of the hazard from the worker in the workplace.
- **Substitution:** involves the replacement of high hazard task or workplace circumstance with a lower hazard task or workplace circumstance.
- **Engineering Controls:** involves creating and using designed infrastructure or equipment to minimize a hazard.
- **Administrative Controls:** involves creating protocols involving stated obligations and prohibitions that change the way people work.
 - E.g., **Warning Signs:** postings and placards that communicate the presence of a hazard as well as hazard control directives.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** involves the use of gear that is worn by the worker to create a barrier between the hazard and the worker. PPE can include gloves, respirators, hard hats, safety glasses, high-visibility clothing, and safety footwear.

The Manager, Health and Safety will ensure that the training is refreshed at adequate frequency.

Retraining will be provided for all authorized workers or contractors whenever there is a change in their job assignments, a change in condition, equipment or processes that presents a new hazard, or when there is a change in the Contractor Safety Prequalification Process.

Additional retraining shall also be conducted whenever a periodic inspection reveals, or whenever there is reason to believe, that there are deviations from or inadequacies in workers' knowledge or use of the Contractor Safety Prequalification Process. The Project Hazard Assessment will be updated to add any additional hazards and corresponding controls, as required.

APPENDICES/EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

- Contractor Safety Prequalification Form
- Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement
- Contractor Safety Checklist and Orientation
- Project Hazard Assessment

REFERENCES

- Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act R.S.O 1990
- O.Reg 213/91 Construction Projects
- Canada Labour Code R.S.C., 1985 c L-2
- Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations SOR/86-304
- Contractors Subcontractors Safety NBRHC OH&S4-017



PART 4
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FORM OF PROPOSAL

Note: Respondent is required to complete Part 4 in its entirety in order to be considered as having submitted a complete Proposal. Part 4 will be provided in Word format to Respondents who return Schedule 2-B - Participation Registration Form.

**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 1
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM**

RFP Number: RFP 2025 005

Description: Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail

Submitted To: ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

We, _____
(Name of Respondent)

having carefully examined, understood, and completed the Request For Proposals Documents as described in Section 2 - The RFP Documents, and Addenda No. ___ to No. ___, inclusive, and having familiarized ourselves thoroughly with local conditions, hereby agree to supply the services associated with the Sale and Disposal of Scrap Rail as outlined on the following Proposal Form 1-A.

ONTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any Respondent that is a U.S. Business as defined in Proposal Form 2.

ONTC reserves the right in its sole discretion to sub-divide and/or bundle the Goods and/or Services which are the subject of this RFP and award one or any number of separate contracts for the Goods and/or Services.

Proposal Forms

The information contained in the Proposal Forms, as listed in the Request for Proposals and attached hereto, forms an integral part of this Proposal.

Declarations

We hereby declare that:

- (a) We will execute the Agreement within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the Final Agreement;
- (b) We agree to perform and fully complete the Work on or before the agreed upon schedule;
- (c) The Work is to start no later than the agreed upon start date in the schedule;
- (d) We will provide the required evidence of insurance, as specified in the draft Agreement included in Part 5 of the RFP Documents, with our execution of the Agreement;
- (e) For the General Liability Insurance, Ontario Northland Transportation Commission is to be included as an additional insured;
- (f) Coverages and limits of insurances will be provided and maintained by all Subcontractors in accordance with subsection (d) above;
- (g) No person, corporation or other legal entity other than the undersigned has any interest in this Proposal or in the proposed Contract for which this Proposal is made;

PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 1 *cont'd*
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

- (h) This Proposal is irrevocable for a period of ninety (90) days from the Submission Deadline;
- (i) It is understood and agreed that if this Proposal is accepted, we will not commence the Work until we have executed the Final Agreement and delivered it to ONTC and/or we are advised in writing by ONTC to proceed with the Work;
- (j) All copies of plans and specifications and other said RFP Documents furnished to us for the purpose of this Proposal are the property of ONTC and shall be kept confidential and not divulged in any manner by us. They will not be used on other work by us and will be returned to the issuing office when requested or promptly when not bidding; and,
- (k) We have no right to reimbursement by ONTC for expenses, both direct and indirect, which may have been incurred by us in preparing this Proposal or otherwise participating in the RFP Process.

Signed and submitted for and on behalf of:

Contractor:

(Company Name)

(Street Address or Postal Box Number)

(City, Province and Postal Code)

Signature:

I have authority to bind the corporation.

Name and Title:

Email:

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 2025.

**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 1-A
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM
SCHEDULE OF PRICES**

Please refer to the separate Schedule A - Schedule of Prices excel worksheet. This form must be completed as part of the Proposal.

**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 2
RESPONDENT'S GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Respondent must complete this document and submit it as part of their Proposal.

Name <i>Please indicate the complete legal name of the firm</i>	
Tax Registration # (HST)	
Tax Registration # (GST)	
Tax Registration # (QST)	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Fax Number	
Web Address	
Please indicate any other name(s) under which the firm operates <i>(if applicable)</i>	

Owner Partnership Corporation

Relationship *(if applicable)*

Parent Company	
Subsidiaries	
Affiliates	

Ontario Business: Yes No

“Ontario Business”: A supplier, manufacturer or distributor of any business structure that conducts its activities on a permanent basis in Ontario. The business either has its headquarters or a main office in Ontario or has at least 250 full-time employees in Ontario at the time of this RFP.

Canadian Business: Yes No

“Canadian Business”: A supplier, manufacturer or distributor of any business structure that conducts its activities on a permanent basis in Canada. The business either has its headquarters or a main office in any province or territory within Canada or has at least 250 full-time employees in any one province or territory within Canada at the time of this RFP.

U.S. Business: Yes No

“U.S. Business”: A supplier, manufacturer or distributor of any business structure (including a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other business structure) that (i) has its headquarters or main office located in the U.S., and (ii) has fewer than 250 full-time employees in Canada at the time of the applicable procurement process. If a Respondent is a subsidiary of another corporation, part 1 of the definition above is met if that Respondent is controlled by a corporation that has its headquarters or main office located in the U.S.

If the Respondent has not demonstrated eligibility with a “No” response to being a U.S. Business, ONTC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify the Respondent.

PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 2 *cont'd*
RESPONDENT'S GENERAL INFORMATION

Bill S-211:

ONTC adheres to, and reports under the Government of Canada's Bill S-211 Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act.

1. Is your company required to report under the Government of Canada's Bill S-211 Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act? Yes No

2. Is your company compliant with the Government of Canada's Bill S-211 Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act? Yes No

3. Has your company been involved in forced and/or child labour in the past? Yes No
If yes, please provide details including date and action taken to mitigate.

Main Contact Person *(for the purposes of this Proposal)*

Name	
Title	
Telephone #	Fax #
E-mail address	

Indicate below your company/business' invoice terms:

Does your company/business have the capability to handle Electronic Funds Transfers?
YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please provide the necessary banking information as part of your submission.

If available, please provide your Dunn & Bradstreet Reference Number:

How many years of experience does your company have in the provision of goods or services proposed herein?

PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 2 *cont'd*
RESPONDENT'S GENERAL INFORMATION

Subcontractors

The Respondent must indicate where they will use subcontractors for specific services.

Description of Services	Subcontractor's Name	% Contract Value	Telephone Number

**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 3
ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COMPLY WITH PART 3 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SPECIFICATIONS**

Respondent acknowledges that they can fully comply with Part 3 - Request for Proposals Specifications.

(Check one) YES _____; NO _____

Respondent to provide details below or include as an attachment to this Proposal Form 3. In particular, if the Respondent will deviate in any way from the requirements identified in Part 3 - Requests for Proposals - Specifications, the Respondent shall provide complete details of how they will deviate, this shall include proposed equivalent alternatives.

**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 4
COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Respondent may suggest changes to the Draft Agreement included in Part 5 of this RFP using the table below. ONTC does not have any obligation to accept any proposed changes to the Draft Agreement and will do so in its sole discretion. Significant material proposed changes to the Draft Agreement may impact the evaluation of the Respondent’s proposal. ONTC will not accept any material changes to the clauses in the Draft Agreement relating to Confidentiality, Personal Information, Intellectual Property ownership and infringement, Indemnification, Limitation of Liability or rights of ONTC on termination. ONTC, as an Ontario Crown corporation, is unable to provide indemnities pursuant to s.28 of the *Financial Administration Act* (Ontario).

Exception	Agreement, ONTC Schedule, Article, or Sub-Clause	Existing Wording	Respondent’s Proposed Wording	Reason for Proposed Change
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**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 5
CONTRACTORS' QUALIFICATION STATEMENT**

1. Company Profile

Respondent shall provide a company profile highlighting the company's history, office location(s), corporate operating philosophy and description of the specific services offered and specialties.

In the event that the Respondent is using a subcontractor(s) for a portion(s) of the scope of work associated with this RFP, they shall also include with this Proposal Form 5, a company profile for each subcontractor.

2. List of Key Personnel and Resume

The Respondent shall demonstrate their ability to fulfill the requirements of the RFP and include resumes of Key Personnel as part of their Proposal.

Respondent is required to list the names of the Principal Personnel who will be assigned to the Work and **include their resumes**. This information shall be for the use of ONTC in assessing the Proposal. In the event of a Subcontractor(s) being listed as a Principal Personnel, the Respondent shall also include their resume(s).

Resume details shall include:

- Name
- Role/Title
- Education and Qualifications
- Professional Affiliations
- Years of Experience
- Specialties
- List of Relevant Project Experience

3. Experience and Qualifications

The Respondent shall demonstrate their knowledge and experience in performing projects of similar size and scope and provide project profiles to support that the Respondent has the experience and resources to complete the project.

The Respondent shall supply a minimum of three (3) relevant project profile descriptions of a similar nature and scope.

The project descriptions shall include:

- Company/Client
- Name of contact and contact details
- Project Name
- The scheduled project start and end date

- The actual start and end date
- The project value of the Respondent's scope of work for the project at the beginning of the project
- The project value of the Respondent's scope of work for the project at the end of the project
- Detailed description of the Respondent's scope of work for the project. The description should detail if subcontractors were used to complete part of the scope.
- Outcomes of the project (i.e., completed on schedule and on budget etc.)

ONTC may, in its sole discretion, confirm the Respondent's experience in the projects identified by contacting the named contacts above.

4. Proposed Approach

Respondents shall demonstrate their understanding of the Scope of Work, deliverables and shall provide a detailed written narrative outlining their proposed approach for completing the work, describing the rail car fleet that will be deployed for the collection of scrap rail, and how the work will be completed utilizing local resources.

Respondents must specify where ONTC's scrap rail will be stored after collection to ensure proper storage and disposal. Respondents must indicate the mode of transportation (e.g. rail, road, air, ocean) that will be used to deliver ONTC's scrap rail to its final destination in addition to providing the final destination of ONTC's scrap rail, including approximate distances (in kilometers).

Respondents must explain whether and how ONTC's scrap rail will be recycled or repurposed into new products.

5. Health, Environmental and Sustainability

Respondents shall review the attached Health and Safety Policy Statement and include the following with their Proposal:

1. Submit a copy of the most recent version of your Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection Policy.
2. Submit the attached Contractor Health and Safety Responsibility Agreement.
3. Submit a copy of the Environmental Compliance Approvals issued by the Ministry of Environment.
4. Provide details about operations and initiatives that promote environmentally friendly processes and standards
5. Specific steps the Respondent will take to help ONTC reduce its carbon footprint.

6. Proof of compliance with Ontario's environmental regulations and procedures, such as a Waste Management Plan.

ONTC will consider all information submitted in the Respondent's Proposal when evaluating the Respondent's experience.

DATE FORMALIZED April 2016 REVISED February 2023	Health and Safety Policy
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POLICY STATEMENT

In keeping with our value of *Safety. Full Stop.* Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) / Nipissing Central Railway (NCR) is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment. Safety is core to everything we do. We don't settle for less, for our people or our customers, even when operating pressures make it difficult to do so.

As part of developing a safety culture, we will collectively strive to prevent accidents and incidents through a risk-based approach with the goal to continuously improve. Employees are required to report safety concerns immediately and can do so without fear of reprisal, while management ensures all employees receive quick follow-up.

We will adopt the latest in systems to improve the reporting, investigation, and implementation of corrective actions, close-out, and trend analysis of accidents and incidents. We will communicate safety and encourage engagement at all levels of the organization, such as during tailgates, briefings, and meetings.

The success of ONTC/NCR safety programs will be ensured through the collective and cooperative efforts of all, including management, employees, unions, and Workplace Health and Safety Committees. All ONTC/NCR members will jointly participate in safety, health and loss prevention initiatives to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all employees.



Chad Evans
President and CEO

CONTRACTOR HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

In submitting this Proposal, I/We, on behalf of, _____

(legal name of company)

certify the following:

- (a) I/We have a health and safety policy and will maintain a program to implement such policy as required by clause 25(2) (j) of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.1, as amended, (the "OHSA").

The requirements in (a) do not apply to employers with five (5) or less employees.

- (b) With respect to the Services being offered in this Proposal, I/We and on behalf of our proposed sub-consultants, acknowledge the responsibility to, and shall:

(i) fulfill all of the obligations under the OHSA and ensure that all work is carried out in accordance with the OHSA and its regulations;

(ii) ensure that adequate and competent supervision is provided as required under the OHSA to protect the health and safety of workers; and

(iii) provide information and instruction to all employees to ensure they are informed of the hazards inherent in the work and understand the procedures for minimizing the risk of injury or illness.

- (c) I/We agree to take precautions reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of worker health and safety, as required under the OHSA.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, 202__

An Authorized Signing Officer

(Key Contact)

(Title)

(Telephone Number)

(Firm's Name)

(Firm's Address)

**PART 4 - FORM OF PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL FORM 6
CLAIMS**

Submit an up to date list of outstanding, pending or anticipated claims, proceedings, liens or other legal claims, actions or proceedings.



PART 5
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DRAFT AGREEMENT

THIS SALE OF GOODS AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made on **XXX** (the “**Effective Date**”)

BETWEEN:

ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

("ONTC")

-and -

XXX

(the "**Purchaser**")

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Definitions.** In this Agreement, the following terms have the corresponding meanings:

“Agreement” means this Agreement and all attached Schedules;

“Applicable Laws” means all requirements under or prescribed by the common law, and all applicable federal, provincial, regional, local or municipal laws, statutes, codes, acts, permits, licenses, ordinances, orders, by-laws, rules and regulations, which may now, or at any time hereafter be applicable to and enforceable in relation to the matters to which this Agreement relates;

“Conflict of Interest” means any actual or potential conflict of interest including, but not limited to:

- (a) situations or circumstances that could compromise the ability of the Purchaser to perform its obligations under the Agreement; and,
- (b) the offer or giving of a benefit of any kind by or on behalf of the Purchaser to anyone employed by or otherwise connected with ONTC.

“Environmental Laws” means all Applicable Laws relating to Environmental Contaminants or the protection of human health, natural resources or the environment;

“Environmental Contaminants” means any substance, material or waste defined, regulated, listed or prohibited by Environmental Laws;

“Force Majeure” means an event or a cause beyond the control of a party, which may include war, interference by civil or military authorities, civil insurrection, local or national emergency, blockade, seizure, riot, sabotage, vandalism, terrorism, earthquake, flood, act of God, accident, fire, nuclear or other explosion, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine restriction, strike, lockout or other labour disturbance, supply chain disruptions, governmental embargo, or changes to any acts, orders, legislation, regulations, directives, or priorities of any government or other public authority; provided such event is not caused by the affected

party's negligence or failure to exercise reasonable diligence;

“**Goods**” means scrap rail as more particularly set out in Schedule A;

“**ONTC Parties**” means ONTC and its directors, officers, principals, partners, employees, contractors and agents and those for whom it is in law responsible;

“**Pick Up Location**” or “**Pick Up Locations**” means an ONTC location or locations where the Goods are to be collected by the Purchaser, **as advised by ONTC**;

“**Purchaser Parties**” means the Purchaser and its directors, officers, principals, partners, employees, contractors and agents and those for whom it is in law responsible;

“**Related Services**” has the meaning set out in Section 4; and

“**Term**” means the original term and any renewal term(s) as set out in Section 5.

2. **Time.** Subject to the Force Majeure provisions set out herein, time is of the essence of this Agreement, including if any extension of time is permitted.
3. **Contract Documents and Precedence.** Schedule A (Goods and Locations) and Schedule B (Purchaser's Submission) form part of this Agreement. Subject to any contrary intention elsewhere in this Agreement, in case of any inconsistency or conflict among the Schedules and the body of this Agreement, the documents shall prevail in the following order, but only to the extent necessary to resolve the conflict or inconsistency:
 - (a) The body of this Agreement;
 - (b) Addenda to the RFP (if any);
 - (c) Schedule A (Goods/Scope of Work);
 - (d) Schedule B (Purchaser's Submission); and,
 - (e) Any other documents incorporated by reference in any of the foregoing.

If the Purchaser's terms and conditions are supplied to ONTC in respect of the Goods (including without limitation in any submission in response to a request for proposal or quote) those terms and conditions will be of no legal effect and will not constitute part of this Agreement (even if any representative of ONTC signs those terms and conditions or annexes them to the Agreement) unless ONTC expressly agrees in writing to be bound by all or any of the terms and conditions.

4. **Goods, Related Services and Price.** The Purchaser shall purchase the Goods from ONTC at the following price: **XXX** excluding Harmonized Sales Tax. The Purchaser shall provide ONTC with the removal, recycling and/or disposal services for the Goods as more particularly described in Schedule A and/or Schedule B (the “**Related Services**”) at no cost to ONTC.

5. **Term.** This Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and will remain in full force and effect for a period of **three (3) years**, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms herein. **ONTC shall have the option to renew this Agreement for two (2) further terms of one (1) year each by providing written notice to the Purchaser at least 30 days before the end of the original term or a renewal term, as the case may be.**
6. **Pick Up by Purchaser.** The Purchaser shall be responsible for picking up the Goods at a Pickup Location at times to be agreed upon with ONTC. The Purchaser will be solely responsible for the costs of removal and disposal or recycling of the Goods. For greater certainty, all other arrangements and charges including but not limited to inspections, permits, shipping, switching, interchange, offline charges, and other charges incurred to take possession of and remove the Goods will be for the sole account of Purchaser. The Purchaser shall pick up and remove the Goods in a timely, safe, competent and professional manner in compliance with all Applicable Laws, and in compliance with the requirements and restrictions set out in this Agreement, and in particular, Schedule A. Purchaser shall ensure that Purchaser Parties attending a Delivery Location have the necessary expertise, facilities, resources and equipment required in the recovery and recycling of scrap metal. The Purchaser shall, at its cost, leave the Delivery Locations in a safe and tidy condition and remove any waste materials and debris, other than that resulting from the work of ONTC or other contractors.
7. **Inspection and Warranty.** The Purchaser acknowledges that it has inspected the Goods and is satisfied with the condition of the Goods. The Purchaser acknowledges that the Goods are being sold "as is" and ONTC is providing no warranty on the Goods. ONTC hereby excludes any and all representations, warranties and conditions of any kind, express or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of the Goods.
8. **Title and Risk.** Title to all Goods and all risk related thereto shall pass to the Purchaser upon the commencement of pick up at the Delivery Location.
9. **Health and Safety.** The Purchaser is warned and acknowledges that the Goods may contain hazardous substances, hazardous materials or hazardous waste which may be, or may become by chemical reaction or otherwise, directly or indirectly, hazardous to life, to health, to environment or to property. Purchaser hereby discharges and releases ONTC from any and all liability directly or indirectly resulting from the presence of any hazardous substances, materials or waste. The Purchaser agrees to give warning of any possible hazards to any person or persons to whom Purchaser gives or delivers the Goods or whom Purchaser can reasonably foresee may be exposed to such hazards.
10. **Purchaser Parties.** The Purchaser shall be responsible for every act or omission of its Purchaser Parties. shall hold all permits, licenses and approvals issued by any governmental authority that are necessary for the performance of the Purchaser's obligations under this Agreement. All Purchaser Parties providing the Related Services shall have all licences, approvals, permits, and necessary to perform the Related Services. While on ONTC property, the Purchaser shall comply with all applicable ONTC policies, including its Fit for Duty Policy and Contractor/Subcontractor Policy. The Purchaser shall ensure that all Purchaser Parties attending at a Pick Up Location are registered for workers' compensation coverage. Prior to

attending a Pick Up Location, the Purchaser shall provide to ONTC (in addition to anything required in Schedule A):

- (a) a current certificate under the WSIA confirming that the Purchaser has complied with its obligations under the WSIA: and,
 - (b) a copy of the Purchaser's health and safety policy.
11. **Expenses.** The Purchaser shall not, unless specifically agreed to in writing by ONTC in advance, charge any expenses to ONTC. Travel expenses are subject to the provisions of the Management Board of Cabinet Travel, Hospitality and Meal Directive effective January 2020. Invoices shall be submitted to the ONTC representative as advised by ONTC and to pay.inv@ontarionorthland.ca. ONTC will review the invoices and, if approved, process the same for payment within thirty (30) days after receipt (subject to ONTC's right to set off, or to withhold payment in the event of a dispute about the invoice).
12. **Standard of Care.** The Purchaser shall carry out its obligations under the Agreement in conformity with the standard of care, skill and diligence normally provided by a well-qualified and experienced professional person in the performance of similar services for similar goods at the time and place the Goods are sold and the Related Services are being provided. The Purchaser shall give ONTC the full benefit of its skills, qualification, experience, knowledge and professional expertise. Any Related Services provided by subcontractors shall meet or exceed the above standard of care and the Purchaser shall be fully responsible therefor.
13. **Vendor Performance.** ONTC has a Vendor Performance Policy pursuant to which ONTC may complete an evaluation of the Purchaser's performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Any such performance evaluation of the Purchaser will be used in the assessment of the Purchaser's proposals in response to future procurements. Any such performance evaluation may also result in the Purchaser being disqualified from submitting proposals in response to future procurements in accordance with the terms of the policy. The policy can be found at <http://ontarionorthland.ca/en/requests-tenders>.
14. **Liability and Indemnity.** The Purchaser shall indemnify ONTC and the ONTC Parties and save them harmless from and against all Losses which may arise by reason of the exercise of the responsibilities and obligations contained herein by the Purchaser or as a result of any breach of the terms of this Agreement by the Purchaser or by any negligent act or omission of the Purchaser or Purchaser Parties, including all legal costs and expenses reasonably incurred by ONTC in connection with the defence or settlement of any such Loss, unless such Loss is caused by the negligent act or omission of ONTC or ONTC Parties.
15. **Limitation of Liability.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:
 - (a) neither party shall be responsible for indirect, consequential, special, incidental or contingent damages of any nature whatsoever, including loss or revenue or profit. This limitation shall apply regardless of the form of action, damage, claim, liability, cost, expense or loss, whether in contract (including fundamental breach), statute, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, and regardless of whether a party has been advised

of the possibility of such damages; and,

- (b) any express or implied reference to ONTC providing an indemnity or any other form of indebtedness or contingent liability that would directly or indirectly increase the indebtedness or contingent liabilities of ONTC, whether at the time of execution of this Agreement or at any time during the Term, shall be void and of no legal effect in accordance with s.28 of the Financial Administration Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.12.
16. **Survival.** Sections 14 and 15 shall survive the expiry or termination of this Agreement.
17. **Insurance.** The Purchaser shall maintain the following insurance at its cost and provide evidence, satisfactory to ONTC, of:
- (a) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) inclusive per occurrence, with no limitations on or exclusions from coverage arising from working on or around railway property, including environmental and pollution liability, bodily injury, personal injury, death and damage to property; and,
 - (b) Automobile Liability Insurance in respect of licensed vehicles, to a limit of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) inclusive per occurrence, including bodily injury, death and damage to property, endorsed to provide ONTC with not less than thirty (30) days' notice, in advance, of any cancellation, change or amendment restricting coverage, and in the following forms: standard owner's form automobile policy providing third party liability and accident benefits insurance and covering licensed vehicles owned or operated by or on behalf of the Purchaser, and standard non-owned automobile form policy including standard contractual liability endorsement.
18. **Conflict of Interest.** The Purchaser shall avoid any Conflict of Interest in the performance of the Related Services and execution of this Agreement and immediately disclose to ONTC any actual or potential Conflict of Interest that arises. ONTC may terminate the Agreement immediately upon notice to the Purchaser if the Purchaser fails to disclose any actual or potential Conflict of Interest, if the Purchaser fails to resolve its Conflict of Interest as directed by ONTC or if ONTC determines that the Conflict of Interest cannot be resolved.
19. **Force Majeure.** Whenever and to the extent either party is unable to fulfil, or is delayed or restricted in fulfilling, any of its obligations under this Agreement by reason of a Force Majeure event, the time for fulfilling such obligation is extended for such reasonable time as may be required by that party to fulfil such obligation, provided that any such inability, delay or restriction does not relate to any extent to any act or omission by that party. No extension of time will be given unless the party seeking the extension submits to the other party within five business days after the date on which the party ought reasonably to have been aware of the Force Majeure event a notice requesting the extension of time, the cause of the Force Majeure event, the expected duration of the extension and mitigation efforts being undertaken by the party.
20. **Assignment.** The Purchaser may not assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without first obtaining the written consent of ONTC. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

21. **Notice.** Any notice under this Agreement shall be given in writing and delivered personally or by email or prepaid courier addressed as follows:

To ONTC at:

Ontario Northland Transportation Commission
555 Oak Street
North Bay ON P1B 8L3
Attention: Jason Baker, Director Strategic Procurement
T: 705-472-4500 x275
E: jason.baker@ontarionorthland.ca

And To:

Legal Services & Corporate Governance:
Legal@ontarionorthland.ca

To the Purchaser at:

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or at such other address or addresses as ONTC and the Purchaser may designate from time to time. The date of receipt of a notice if sent by personal delivery or email shall be the date of delivery and if sent by prepaid courier shall be the second day after consignment to the courier.

22. **No Waiver.** No waiver by a Party of any breach by the other Party of any of its covenants, agreements or obligations in this Agreement or failure to seek a remedy for any breach, shall be a waiver of any subsequent breach or the breach of any other covenants, agreements or obligations, or a waiver by the Party of its rights and remedies with respect to such breach or any subsequent breach.
23. **Relationship.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the Parties nor by any third party as creating the relationship of principal and agent, landlord and tenant, or of partnership or of joint venture between the Parties.
24. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and constituted in accordance with the laws in force in the Province of Ontario, excluding any conflict of laws principles. The Parties hereby irrevocably attorn to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario for any legal proceedings arising out of this Agreement or the performance of the obligations hereunder.
25. **Severability.** Should any section or part or parts of any section in this Agreement be illegal or unenforceable, it or they shall be considered separate and severable from the Agreement and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and

binding on the Parties as though such section or part or parts thereof had never been included in this Agreement.

26. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties and supersedes all prior understandings, discussions, negotiations, commitments, representations, warranties, and agreements, written or oral, express or implied between them with respect to the subject of this Agreement. No amendment to this Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by the Parties.
27. **Survival.** The provisions of this Agreement that are by their nature intended to survive termination or expiration of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to and notwithstanding termination or expiration until or unless they are satisfied, including without limitation the confidentiality and liability and indemnity provisions of this Agreement.
28. **Counterparts Electronic Signatures and Electronic Delivery.** This Agreement may be executed by electronic signatures and delivered by electronic transmission of a .pdf of the executed Agreement, and in any number of counterparts. All such counterparts shall, for all purposes, constitute one agreement binding on the parties.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement.

**ONTARIO NORTHLAND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Per: _____

Name: **XXX**

Title: **XXX**

Date: _____

I have authority to bind the Corporation.

XXX

Per: _____

Name:

Title:

Date: _____

I have authority to bind the Corporation.

SCHEDULE A
GOODS/SCOPE OF WORK