

# Request for Proposals

## Highway 11 Interchange Project

Volume 1 – Instructions to Proponents

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## Summary of Key Information

<b>Request for Proposals (“RFP”) Title</b>	<b>RFP - Highway 11 Interchange Project</b> Proponents should use this title on all correspondence.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Email: Hwy11.interchange@gov.bc.ca Please direct all enquiries by email, to the Contact Person.
<b>Requests for Information (“RFI”) and recommended timing of RFIs</b>	Proponents are encouraged to submit Requests for Information at an early date to permit consideration by the Province. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ For RFIs relating to Acceptable Equivalents: 30 Business Days prior to the Technical Submittal Deadline.</li> <li>▶ For RFIs of a technical nature (other than Acceptable Equivalents): 10 Business Days prior to the Technical Submittal Deadline.</li> <li>▶ For RFIs of a financial nature: five Business Days prior to the Financial Submittal Deadline.</li> </ul> <p>The Province may, at its discretion, decide not to respond to any RFI.</p>

**The following submissions are to be delivered by the deadlines and to the location indicated below:**

<b>Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline</b>	11:00 am local Vancouver time on February 13, 2025
<b>Technical Submittal Deadline</b>	11:00 am local Vancouver time on June 6, 2025
<b>Financial Submittal Deadline</b>	11:00 am local Vancouver time on August 18, 2025
<b>Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location</b>	Infrastructure BC Inc. Suite 1220, 800 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1J8 Attention: Pam Kaur
<b>Submission Location</b>	Highway 11 Interchange Project Suite 1220, 800 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1J8



Attention: Contact Person

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**Delivery Hours**

Deliveries will be accepted at the Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location or the Submission Location, as applicable, on weekdays (excluding Statutory Holidays) from 08:30 am to 4:00 pm local Vancouver time

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# 1 Introduction

The Fraser Valley Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Program is a multi-phase program aimed at widening Highway 1 through the Fraser Valley, ensuring a more integrated transportation corridor with greater capacity and inclusion of transit and active transportation amenities.

FIGURE 1: FRASER VALLEY HIGHWAY 1 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM LOCATIONS



Phase 1: 216th Street Interchange – Complete 2020

Phase 2: 216th Street to 264th Street – Under construction

- a) Glover Road Overpass
- b) 232nd Street Interchange & Highway Widening
- c) CP Rail Overhead Replacement

Phase 3A: 264th Street to Mt Lehman Road – Anticipated to be completed by 2028

- a) 264th Street Interchange

- b) Mainline West
- c) Mt Lehman Road Interchange

Phase 3B: Mt Lehman Road to Highway 11 – Anticipated to be completed by 2030

- a) Highway 11 Interchange
- b) Peardonville Underpass and Highway Work
- c) Mainline East Highway Work

Phase 4: Highway 11 to Old Yale Road West – Planning underway

## **1.1 Project Overview**

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued for the Highway 11 Interchange scope of Phase 3B. The Highway 11 Interchange Project (“Project”) includes the following elements:

- a) Replacement of the interchange at Highway 11 and Highway 1 to accommodate the widened highway and increased traffic volumes and, to improve safety;
- b) Replacement of the overpass carrying Highway 1 over Riverside Road, Canadian Pacific Kansas City (“CPKC”) railway and Southern Railway of BC (“SRY”);
- c) Widening of 2.1 km of Highway 1 from McKenzie Road to just east of the Highway 11 Interchange including both HOV/EV and bus on shoulder lanes in both directions and a truck climbing lane westbound;
- d) Upgrades to intersections at Highway 11/Marshall Road and Highway 11/Delair Road;
- e) New truck parking; and
- f) Improved active transportation connections, including new multi-use paths, sidewalks and bike lanes.



Figure 2 shows the Reference Concept design for the Highway 11 Interchange, a diverging diamond interchange with new signalized intersections for traffic off Highway 1.

FIGURE 2: HIGHWAY 11 INTERCHANGE REFERENCE CONCEPT DESIGN



## 1.2 Project Objectives

The Province's objectives for the Project include:

- a) Improving access to affordable and sustainable modes of transportation including buses, ridesharing, walking, biking, and rolling.
- b) Supporting CleanBC through HOV/EV lanes
- c) Supporting increased use of Highway 1 transit services by improving transit travel times and reliability

- d) Facilitating efficient goods movement through the corridor
- e) Improving safety and capacity at high-traffic intersections
- f) Reducing Highway 1 congestion
- g) Eliminating low clearance issues for commercial vehicles on the corridor

### **1.3 Eligibility to Participate in this RFP**

Through a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) issued September 9, 2024, the following Respondents were identified as eligible to receive this RFP and to be invited to participate further in the Competitive Selection Process as Proponents:

- a) KEA Fraser Valley Constructors General Partnership;
- b) Graham-NorLand Joint Venture; and
- c) Metro Vancouver (Infrastructure) Partnership.

As a condition of participating in this RFP, each Proponent must sign and deliver to the Contact Person a Proponent Agreement, substantially in the form set out in Appendix G to the RFQ, or otherwise acceptable to the Province, at its discretion. A Proponent will not be permitted to participate further in the Competitive Selection Process unless and until it has signed and delivered a Proponent Agreement as required by this section.

### **1.4 Request for Proposals Overview**

The Province is issuing this RFP as part of the Competitive Selection Process for the Project. It is anticipated that through the Competitive Selection Process one of the Proponents will be identified as eligible to be selected as the Preferred Proponent and be offered the opportunity to enter into the Design-Build Agreement for the delivery of the Project.

This RFP contains the following three volumes:

- a) Volume 1 – Instructions to Proponents;
- b) Volume 2 – Draft Design-Build Agreement; and
- c) Volume 3 – Forms.



## 1.5 Ownership and Licensing of Work Product

All rights in and to the Work Product submitted by or on behalf of a Proponent through the Competitive Selection Process will:

- a) in the case of a Proponent that becomes the Design-Builder, be:
  - i. owned by that Proponent, and
  - ii. licensed to the Province in accordance with the terms set out in the Design-Build Agreement; and
- b) for all other Proponents, be:
  - i. owned by the Province, and
  - ii. licensed back to the submitting Proponent;

in accordance with and subject to the ownership and licensing provisions of Section 3.7.5 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

## 2 Overview of Design-Build Agreement and Project Work

The Design-Build Agreement will set out the rights and obligations of the parties in respect of the Project and will contain, among other things, the technical specifications for the design and construction of the Project, the scope of the services to be provided by the Design-Builder and other commercial terms.

The Design-Build Agreement will be developed through processes, further detailed in this RFP, that include:

- a) issuance of a Draft Design-Build Agreement as Volume 2 of this RFP;
- b) consideration of comments, issues and proposed amendments from Proponents on the Draft Design-Build Agreement submitted in writing and as part of one or more workshops (“Workshops”), one or more topic meetings (“Topic Meetings”) and RFIs;
- c) incorporation of amendments by Addenda into the Draft Design-Build Agreement, which amendments may address any such Proponent comments; and
- d) issuance by Addendum of a Definitive Design-Build Agreement as Volume 2 of this RFP.

Any description or overview of either the Draft Design-Build Agreement and/or the Definitive Design-Build Agreement in Volume 1 of this RFP is provided for convenience only and does not supersede, supplement, or alter the Draft Design-Build Agreement and/or the Definitive Design-Build Agreement as applicable. If there are any inconsistencies between the terms of either the Draft Design-Build Agreement and/or the Definitive Design-Build Agreement and the description of those terms set out in this Volume 1 of this RFP, the terms of the Draft Design-Build Agreement and/or the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, as applicable, will prevail.

### 2.1 Design-Build Agreement Parties

The parties to the Design-Build Agreement will be the Province, the British Columbia Transportation Financing Authority (“BCTFA”), and the Design-Builder.



## 2.2 Design and Construction

The Design-BUILDER will be required to carry out all aspects of Design and Construction in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement.

A summary of the Design and Construction scope is provided in Table 1. This summary should not be considered exhaustive in terms of Design and Construction responsibilities or complete in terms of the scope, all of which are fully set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SCOPE

Summary of Design and Construction Scope
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Detailed design and construction of permanent works including a new widened highway, new multi-use paths, sidewalks, bike lanes and truck parking and any temporary works necessary to facilitate construction.</li><li>▪ Demolition and removal of the existing Riverside Road bridge structure (over Riverside Road, CPKC and SRY railways).</li><li>▪ Demolition and removal of the existing Sumas Overpass bridge (carrying Highway 1 over Highway 11, also named Huntingdon Overpass) and any other abandoned structures.</li><li>▪ Adherence to the requirements of any Province-obtained permits, approvals, and authorizations.</li><li>▪ Adherence to the requirements of CPKC and SRY.</li><li>▪ Acquisition of all other necessary permits, approvals, and authorizations, including those required pursuant to applicable federal and provincial regulatory requirements and legislation.</li><li>▪ Coordination with the Province's contractors in carrying out advance works and interfacing highway works.</li><li>▪ Protection and relocation of utilities required within the Project Site, including coordination with utility owners.</li><li>▪ Coordination of construction activities with CPKC and SRY.</li><li>▪ Maintenance of designated infrastructure to specified standards during construction (including pavement, structures, drainage, etc.).</li></ul>



## Summary of Design and Construction Scope

- Adherence to quality, health and safety, communications, environmental, site security and archaeological requirements.
- Performance of traffic management in active construction areas.

The Province has completed a Reference Concept design for the Project that was the basis for property acquisition and budget estimates. The Reference Concept is included in the Data Room. Proponents are encouraged to develop their own Proposals that comply with the requirements of the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.2.1 Project Labour

#### 2.2.1.1 Project Labour Agreement

A Project Labour Agreement (“PLA”) has been negotiated by the Construction Labour Relations Association of BC and the Bargaining Council of British Columbia Building Trade Unions that is applicable to the Project. The PLA sets out employment terms and conditions for the supply of workers to be utilized by the Design-Builder and its contractors and subcontractors. The wage rates and benefits are anticipated to be as per the BC Building Trades Industry Standard Agreements. Under the PLA, the Design-Builder will be the employer and have the direct employment relationship with its employees and the applicable unions.

#### 2.2.1.2 Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Objectives

The Province has identified labour objectives for achieving ESG priorities in the delivery of public sector infrastructure projects. ESG objectives ensure that provincial infrastructure projects are delivered in a way that provides both the best outcome for the Project and long-lasting benefits for British Columbians and their communities. The Design-Builder will be required to implement and report on the ESG objectives in the delivery of the Project, in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement, including but not limited to:

- a) preparing plans to achieve apprenticeship and training and equity employment targets;
- b) achieving apprenticeship and training targets;
- c) achieving employment targets for equity groups traditionally underrepresented in the skilled workforce; and



d) reporting on the Design-Builder's achievement of these targets.

The Design-Builder will be required to provide information and documentation pertaining to the Design-Builder's compliance with the ESG objectives as set out in the Design-Build Agreement. Incentive payments are available for exceeding the apprenticeship and training and equity employment targets as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.2.2 Identified First Nations

The Design-Builder will be responsible for providing contract opportunities to Qualified First Nations Resources and for engaging directly with the Qualified First Nations Resources regarding these opportunities. The expected First Nations contracting values are outlined in the Design-Build Agreement. The list of Qualified First Nations Resources is provided in the Data Room. Proponents may propose additional Qualified First Nations Resources for the Province's consideration by submitting a commercial in confidence RFI. Incentive payments are available for exceeding the First Nations contract targets, as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.2.3 Utilities

The Province has identified a list of Utility Suppliers that are within, or in the vicinity of, the Project Site, and has undertaken a limited utility potholing and conflict identification. The information collected from this potholing program and the data received from the Utility Suppliers is available in the Data Room.

The Design-Builder will be required to undertake any Design and Construction of utilities in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement and any applicable Utility Agreements and Utility Suppliers' standards and specifications.

### 2.2.4 Traffic Management

The Design-Builder will be required to comply with Traffic Management provisions set out in the Design-Build Agreement. In accordance with the Design-Build Agreement, the Design-Builder will be required to make payments to the Province if the Traffic Management requirements set out in the Design-Build Agreement are not met. Incentive payments are available for exceeding the traffic management contract targets, as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.2.5 Archaeology

An archaeological impact assessment ("AIA") was conducted for the Project which did not identify any archaeological and heritage objects on the Project Site. However, in the

event that such objects are encountered, the Design-Builder will be required to comply with the Archaeological Chance Find Procedure in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement and to avoid non-permitted disturbances.

### 2.2.6 Operations and Maintenance

The Design-Builder will be responsible for operations and maintenance of the Project Site, excluding routine winter maintenance, from the commencement of Construction on the Project Site until Substantial Completion.

### 2.2.7 Acceptable Equivalents

The Design and Construction requirements in the Design-Build Agreement are intended to generally be performance-based, but include, in some instances, specific requirements related to Design and Construction that the Province considers are important to meet its objectives. However, the Province wishes to provide some flexibility for Proponents to propose equivalent alternatives that, when considered by the Province at its discretion, continue to meet the Province's objectives for the Project including safety, capacity and traffic management (each an "Acceptable Equivalent").

Proponents should consider, when contemplating an Acceptable Equivalent proposal, requesting a Topic Meeting with the Province early in the RFP period to discuss the proposal and any potential barriers to its acceptance by the Province before investing significantly in its development. Acceptable Equivalent proposals that have operating period implications or require exceptions to the BC Ministry of Transportation and Transit standards, agreement from third parties, and/or substantial amendments to the Design and Construction requirements may require more time to evaluate and are less likely to be accepted.

The Proponents may submit an RFI marked "Commercial in Confidence – Acceptable Equivalent" that identifies the applicable section(s) in the Design and Construction requirements and the Proponent's proposed equivalent that it considers will be equal to or better than the specified requirement(s) and still meet the Province's objectives for the Project, along with supporting materials. Proponents are encouraged to submit RFIs marked "Commercial in Confidence – Acceptable Equivalent" at an early date to permit consideration by the Province; at least 30 Business Days prior to the Technical Submittal Deadline is recommended.

The Province may, at its discretion:



- a) respond to indicate that the proposed equivalent is acceptable;
- b) respond to indicate that the proposed equivalent is acceptable subject to the Proponent's compliance with any conditions identified by the Province;
- c) respond to indicate that the Province does not consider the proposed equivalent to be acceptable;
- d) request clarification, further information, or additional material;
- e) not respond to the RFI; or
- f) provide any other response in accordance with Section 3.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

The provisions of Section 3.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP relating to "Commercial in Confidence" RFIs will apply, including with respect to withdrawal of an RFI, RFIs by more than one Proponent on the same or similar topics, or the Province's determination if there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of all Proponents.

If the Province responds to a "Commercial in Confidence" RFI, or responds to any RFI that is not "Commercial in Confidence", regarding a proposed equivalent to indicate that the proposed equivalent is acceptable, a Proponent may make its Technical Submittal on the basis of the response, and the use of the Acceptable Equivalent will not in and of itself be a failure to meet the requirements set out in Appendix B to Volume 1 of this RFP.

Unless the Province responds to indicate that a proposed equivalent is acceptable, use by a Proponent of a proposed equivalent may not substantially meet the requirements set out in Appendix B to Volume 1 of this RFP in which case the Province may choose at its discretion not to invite the Proponent to provide a Financial Submittal.

The Province will be under no obligation to provide an indication of acceptability of the proposed equivalent to the Proponent or to any other Proponent.

Despite any indication by the Province of the acceptability of an equivalent, the Design-Builder remains responsible for fulfilling all of its obligations and responsibilities under the Design-Build Agreement.

Following selection of the Preferred Proponent, the Design-Build Agreement will, in accordance with Section 3.10 of Volume 1 of this RFP, be amended to include all Acceptable Equivalent(s) used by that Preferred Proponent, or negotiated by the Province and the Preferred Proponent, whether or not proposed by any other Proponent.

## **2.3 Communications and Engagement**

The Design-Builder's obligations regarding communications and engagement are set out in the Design-Build Agreement. Key responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- a) notification of construction activities;
- b) supporting the Province's crisis and incident management communications;
- c) supporting the Province's stakeholder engagement;
- d) supporting the Province's enquiry-response management; and
- e) supporting the Province's consultation and media relations activities.

The Design-Builder will be responsible for developing and implementing communications plans and measures, which, among other things, interfaces with the Design-Builder's traffic plans, and will support the Province in providing the public, interested parties, and traffic media with regular and timely traffic information.

## **2.4 Environmental**

The Province has or will obtain a *Water Sustainability Act* Change Approval and a federal *Fisheries Act* Authorization. The Design-Builder will be required to adhere to the requirements and conditions of these permits, to obtain any required amendments to suit the Design-Builder's Design, and to obtain any other permits required for the Project.

The Design-Builder will be required to perform the Project Work in compliance with all applicable environmental obligations, including those described in the Design-Build Agreement.

The Design-Builder will be required to complete the Construction Environmental Management Plan and Environmental Enhancement Management Plan to meet the requirements of the Design-Build Agreement and all applicable environmental obligations.



## **2.5 Lands**

The Province will, subject to the requirements of this RFP and the Design-Build Agreement, acquire all lands and land interests identified as Project Lands. As part of property acquisition, the Province will obtain any necessary approvals from the Agricultural Land Commission for the Project. The Design-Builder will be provided access to the Project Lands in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement. No ownership or other registrable interest in such lands will be transferred to the Design-Builder.

## **2.6 Quality Management**

The Design-Builder will be required to develop and implement a Quality Management System in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement and the ISO 9001:2015 Standard. The Design-Builder will undertake internal and external quality audits of the Quality Management System throughout the Term as required under the Design-Build Agreement.

The Design-Builder will be required to meet certain requirements for testing and inspection at origin, and re-inspection in Canada of structural components that have been manufactured or fabricated outside of Canada or the United States, as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

## **2.7 Work by Others**

### **2.7.1 Advance Works**

Advance works are being undertaken for the Project to facilitate the Design-Builder's work, including:

- a) tree/shrub removal;
- b) construction of preload test fills and site grading;
- c) installation of construction cameras;
- d) creek environmental rehabilitation; and
- e) select Utility relocations.

Procurement packages and other details for the advance works are provided in the Data Room for information. Test fill instrumentation monitoring data and as-built survey of soil



removal areas and test fill data will be uploaded to the Data Room as it becomes available.

Advance Works listed above, are anticipated to be complete at the Effective Date.

### 2.7.2 Interfacing Highway Works

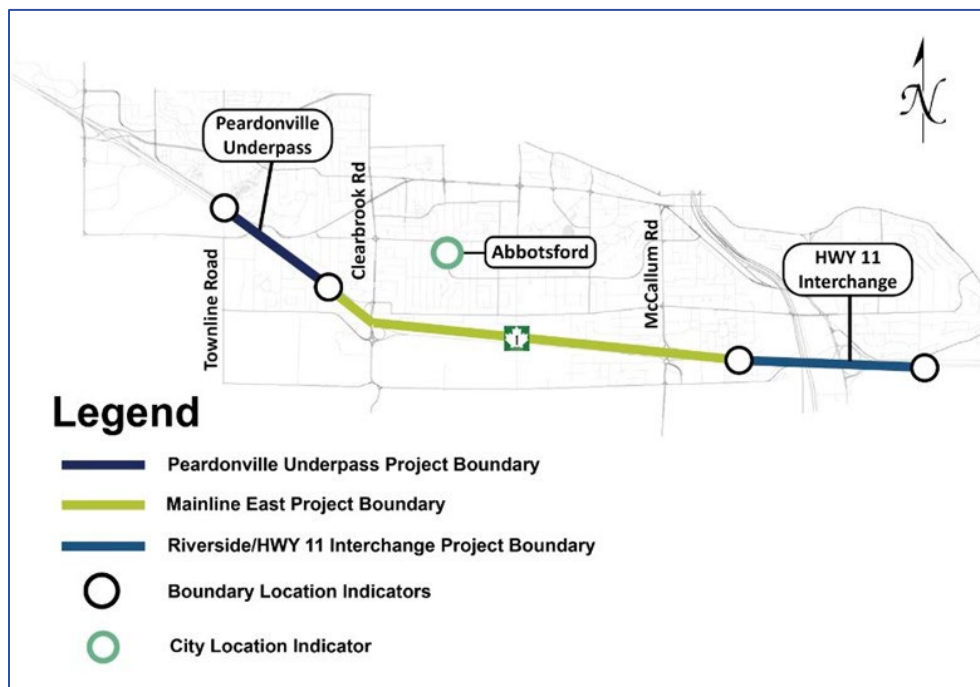
The Province is in the process of procuring construction contractors for improvements to Highway 1 on either side of the Project, which are expected to be carried out during the Term. These other projects include:

- a) Mainline East Project: includes replacement of the underpass at McCallum Road, the widening of Highway 1, starting from approximately 700 m west of the Clearbrook Road Interchange to approximately 800 m east of the McCallum Road Interchange, with new HOV/EV lanes, bus-on-shoulder lanes, and the establishment of a multi-use path from McCallum Road to Salton Road. The eastern limits of the Mainline East Project terminate and are adjacent to the western limit of the Project.
- b) Peardonville Project: includes replacement of the underpass at Peardonville Road and widening of Highway 1, starting from east of Fraser Highway to west of the Clearbrook Road Interchange, with new HOV/EV lanes, bus-on-shoulder lanes, and the establishment of a multi-use path near the Peardonville underpass.
- c) Several other projects to improve Highway 1 further to the west are in construction. Construction of one or more of these projects may remain ongoing when the Project is underway. These projects include:
  - i. Highway 1 – 216th to 264th Widening: includes replacement of the 232nd Street Overpass and Highway 1 widening from 216th Street to approximately 256th Street.
  - ii. Mainline West: includes a new underpass at Bradner Road and Highway 1 widening from the interface with the Project at approximately Lefeuvre Road to Ross Road.
  - iii. Mt. Lehman Interchange: includes Highway 1 widening from Ross Road to Townline Road and improves the Mt. Lehman Interchange.

- iv. 264<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange: includes replacement of the 264<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange and 5.3 km of highway works.
- d) Several other projects to improve Highway 1 further to the east are in the planning stages. Construction of one or more of these projects may commence while the Project is underway.

The Design-Builder's Design will tie-in to the Mainline East Project design. During construction, the Design-Builder will coordinate traffic management with the contractors working on these other projects. The HOV/EV lanes within the various projects are expected to be opened sequentially from west to east. Refer to Figure 3 below. In addition to the Design-Builder's Coordination Obligations with Interfacing Works, an Interface Committee will be established to minimize interference and disruption among all contractors, support cooperation and address any potential disputes.

FIGURE 3: DIAGRAM OF INTERFACING HIGHWAY WORKS BY HIGHWAY 11 INTERCHANGE



### 2.7.3 First Nations Artwork

The Design-Builder's scope includes provision for an art installation. The Design-Builder shall coordinate their work with, and provide site access to, contractors retained for installation of this artwork.

## 2.8 Respect in the Workplace

An objective of the Province is to have a workplace that is free of racism and discrimination and is culturally safe and respectful. To support this objective, the Province requires a commitment by the Design-Builder to develop and implement appropriate policies and training which the Design-Builder will be required to implement in the development of the Project. In addition, approval of suitable policies and a training plan will be a requirement of the Design-Build Agreement and a pre-requisite for construction to commence.

## 2.9 Gender-Based Analysis Plus

It is anticipated that Gender-Based Analysis Plus ("GBA+") will inform all aspects of the Project. GBA+ is an analytical tool used to assess how diverse groups of people may experience policies, programs, and initiatives. More information on GBA+ is available at: [www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/gender-equity](http://www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/gender-equity)

## 2.10 Payments and Performance Mechanism

The Design-Builder will receive Progress Payments and will be required to comply with a performance mechanism, in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.10.1 Payments and Warranties

Each Progress Payment will be subject to a 5% Progress Payment Holdback. Upon Substantial Completion, the Province will release the Progress Payment Holdback amount minus a Deficiency Holdback and a Warranty Holdback, both described in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.10.2 Incentive Payments

The Design-Build Agreement will include incentive payments in relation to First Nations contracts, ESG objectives, early Substantial Completion, traffic management, and certain other matters as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.10.3 Key Aspects of the Performance Mechanism

The Design-Build Agreement includes a performance mechanism which may trigger payment obligations of the Design-Builder to the Province and/or the accumulation of Non-Compliance Event (“NCE”) Points and/or Default Points as set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 2.10.4 Liquidated Damages

The Design-Builder will be required to pay Delay Liquidated Damages in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement if the Design-Builder fails to achieve Substantial Completion by the Substantial Completion Target Date.

### 2.10.5 Performance Security

The Design-Builder will be required to obtain a bonding undertaking for a performance bond and a labour and materials payment bond, each in the amount of 50 percent of the nominal cost of the Contract Price Proposal written by a surety or sureties authorized to conduct business in Canada.

### 3 Overview of RFP Process

The purpose of the RFP phase of the Competitive Selection Process is to invite the Proponents to prepare and submit Proposals for the Project. It is anticipated that, subject to the provisions of this RFP, an eligible Proponent will be selected as Preferred Proponent and be offered the opportunity to enter into the Design-Build Agreement for the delivery of the Project.

Eligibility to continue in the Competitive Selection Process and participate in the RFP phase, to the extent expressly provided for in this RFP, is conditional on:

- a) the Proponent being identified as a shortlisted Respondent pursuant to the RFQ;
- b) the Proponent and each of the Proponent Team Members executing and delivering:
  - i. the Proponent Agreement in the form provided by the Province; and
  - ii. the releases and waivers attached as Form 9 of Volume 3 of this RFP, as and when required in accordance with this RFP;
- c) the Proponent observing and ensuring that its Proponent Team Members observe the provisions of this RFP, including the terms and conditions that may be required, or otherwise established by the Province, in respect of any waiver or permission to be issued by the Province under this RFP;
- d) the Proponent observing and complying with and ensuring that its Proponent Team Members observe and comply with the terms of the Proponent Agreement; and
- e) the Proponent submitting a Proposal that substantially satisfies the provisions of this RFP.

Any failure or failures on the part of the Proponent or on the part of any Proponent Team Member to observe, satisfy, or comply with such provisions, terms, and conditions, may result in the Proponent being:



- a) ineligible to continue further in the Competitive Selection Process;  
and/or
- b) ineligible to receive any further invitations or information in connection  
with the Competitive Selection Process.

### **3.1 Affordability Requirement**

The Province has calculated an Affordability Requirement, which is \$550 million representing the Province's budgeted cost of the Project Work.

As part of their Proposals, Proponents are required to calculate a Contract Price Proposal in accordance with Section 3.2 of Volume 1 of this RFP. The Contract Price Proposal included in a Proponent's Proposal will be evaluated to determine whether it is less than or equal to the Affordability Requirement, which is \$550 million in nominal dollars. The Contract Price Proposal should not exceed the Affordability Requirement. The ranking of Proposals will be in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

### **3.2 Contract Price Proposal**

The Contract Price Proposal is to be calculated by the Proponent using Form 3 of Volume 3 of this RFP.

### **3.3 Communications and Requests for Information**

#### **3.3.1 Communications**

Proponents should only communicate with the Contact Person by email. The Province intends to communicate solely with the Proponent Representative or, if confirmed in writing to the Contact Person in advance, a delegate, and may disregard communications from other persons on behalf of the Proponent during the Competitive Selection Process.

Although the Province may rely on the Proponent Representative's authority to bind the Proponent, execution of documents by the Proponent Representative is not required. The Province may rely on the authority to bind the Proponent by any person or persons representing the Proponent.

The following provisions will apply to any email communications with the Contact Person, or the delivery of documents to the Contact Person by electronic means where

such email communications or electronic deliveries are permitted by the terms of this RFP:

- a) the Province does not assume any risk, responsibility, or liability whatsoever and makes no guarantee, warranty, or representation whatsoever to any Proponent:
  - i. for ensuring that any electronic email system or computer system is in good working order, able to receive transmissions, or not engaged in receiving other transmissions such that a Proponent's transmission cannot be received; or
  - ii. if a permitted email communication or electronic submission is not received or received in less than its entirety, within any time limit specified by this RFP; and
- b) all permitted email communications with the Contact Person will be deemed as having been received by the Contact Person on the dates and times indicated on the Contact Person's electronic equipment.

Information offered from sources other than the Contact Person with regard to this RFP is not official, may be inaccurate, and should not be relied on in any way, for any purpose.

### 3.3.2 No Communication with Media or the Public

Proponents will not communicate, including by media releases, interviews, web or social media postings, and will ensure that its Proponent Team Members, including their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, do not communicate, in respect of any part or parts of the Project or the Competitive Selection Process, with the media or the public without the prior written consent of the Province.

Each Proponent will notify the Province of requests for interviews or other requests from the media received by the Proponent or any of its Proponent Team Members, and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, in connection with the Project or the Competitive Selection Process.



### 3.3.3 Requests for Information

All requests for information regarding any aspect of this RFP should be directed to the Contact Person by email using a Request for Information Form found in Appendix C of Volume 1 of this RFP.

The following applies to any RFI:

- a) responses to an RFI will be in writing;
- b) all RFIs, and all responses to RFIs from the Contact Person, will be recorded by the Province;
- c) the Province is not required to provide a response to any RFI;
- d) a Proponent may request that a response to an RFI be kept confidential by clearly marking the RFI “Commercial in Confidence” if the Proponent considers that the RFI is commercially confidential to the Proponent;
- e) if the Province decides that an RFI marked “Commercial in Confidence”, or the Province’s response to such an RFI, must be distributed to all Proponents then the Province will permit the Proponent to withdraw the RFI rather than receive a response. If the Proponent does not withdraw the RFI, then the Province may provide its response to all Proponents;
- f) notwithstanding Sections 3.3.3 (d) and (e) of Volume 1 of this RFP:
  - i. if one or more other Proponents submits an RFI on the same or similar topic to an RFI previously submitted by a Proponent as “Commercial in Confidence”, the Province may provide a response to such RFI to all Proponents; or
  - ii. if the Province determines there is any matter which should be brought to the attention of all Proponents, whether or not such matter was the subject of an RFI, including an RFI marked “Commercial in Confidence”, the Province may, at its discretion, distribute the RFI, response or information with respect to such matter to all Proponents; and

- g) unless remaining “Commercial in Confidence” in accordance with the foregoing, the RFI will be made available in the Data Room and available to all Proponents.

### **3.4 First Nations Groups Business-to-Business Networking Event**

The Province may coordinate a session with Proponent Teams and the Qualified First Nations Resources to provide an opportunity for:

- a) those businesses which might be interested in working with, or providing products and services to the Preferred Proponent, to meet the Proponent Teams; and
- b) Proponent Teams to enhance their knowledge, understanding and awareness of local goods and services and to build relationships with the Qualified First Nations Resources.

### **3.5 Consultation Process**

The Province will facilitate a consultation process with the Proponents which may include exchanges of information, discussions, and clarifications of issues through Workshops and Topic Meetings, and the submission and consideration of comments on and proposed amendments to the Draft Design-Build Agreement. Workshops and Topic Meetings may occur after the Technical Submittal Deadline. It is expected that Workshops and Topic Meetings will be held in person in Coquitlam, British Columbia, or via videoconference.

#### **3.5.1 Workshops and Topic Meetings**

The Province expects the consultation process to include:

- a) one or more Workshops to enable communication between the Province and the Proponents with respect to commercial and legal matters, and to help ensure Proponents have a complete and accurate understanding of the Project, the opportunity to provide the Province with comments and feedback on any material issues or provisions in the Draft Design-Build Agreement, and to discuss any suggestions they may have, all in accordance with and as further detailed in this RFP including in Section 3.5.2 of Volume 1 of this RFP;
- b) one or more Topic Meetings to facilitate discussion between the Province and the Proponents in respect of specific topics which may

be (but are not limited to) technical and commercial issues; all in accordance with and as further detailed in this RFP including Section 3.5.2 of Volume 1 of this RFP; and

- c) any other meetings, consultations, or facilitative or facilitated processes in conjunction with or as part of the Competitive Selection Process.

At present, one Topic Meeting and two Workshops are planned, as indicated below and further referenced in Table 2 in Section 3.12 of Volume 1 of this RFP:

- a) a Topic Meeting in the form of an all-Proponent information meeting that will include an overview of Project requirements and work completed to date by the Province; and
- b) Workshops, including:
  - i. Workshop 1 – between the Province and each Proponent to discuss the Proponent’s comments on the RFP and the technical aspects of Draft Design-Build Agreement; and
  - ii. Workshop 2 – between the Province and each Proponent to discuss the Proponent’s comments on the RFP and commercial and contractual matters, including the Affordability Requirement and provisions of the Draft Design-Build Agreement.

The Province may in its sole discretion from time to time, by written notice to the Proponent, deliver to the Proponent written policies and procedures clarifying, supplementing, or otherwise modifying the terms of the Workshops and Topic Meetings procedures set out in this RFP, and on issuance of such written policies and procedures, the Workshops and Topic Meetings procedures will be amended, supplemented, or replaced as applicable.

Each Proponent Team Member will:

- a) ensure that the Proponent participates in all Workshops where required in accordance with Section 3.5.2.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP;
- b) observe, abide by, and comply with the terms of this RFP in respect of the Workshops and Topic Meetings;

- c) execute and deliver a waiver and agreement in respect of the Workshops and Topic Meetings substantially in the form set out in Form 8 to Volume 3 of this RFP in advance of the first Workshop or Topic Meeting, whichever comes first; and
- d) ensure that each individual in attendance on behalf of such Proponent Team Member at the Workshops or Topic Meetings:
  - i. observes, abides by, and complies with the terms of this RFP in respect of Workshops and Topic Meetings; and
  - ii. reviews, executes, and delivers to the Province before attendance of the first Workshop or Topic Meeting, a waiver and agreement substantially in the form set out in Form 8 to Volume 3 of this RFP.

The Fairness Reviewer will be invited to all Topic Meetings and Workshops.

The Province may, at its discretion including at the request of any Proponent(s), schedule additional Workshops and Topic Meetings which may be held separately with each Proponent or together with all the Proponents.

### 3.5.2 Procedures for Workshops and Topic Meetings

#### 3.5.2.1 Workshops

Unless the Province notifies the Proponents that a Workshop is optional, the Proponent, including relevant Key Individuals, will attend each Workshop and may, subject to any restrictions established by the Province on prior written notice to the Proponent, determine the appropriate representative or representatives, including the number of representatives, who will attend each Workshop on behalf of such Proponent.

Each Proponent, including relevant Key Individuals, will attend all Workshops that are designated by the Province as optional, unless a Proponent provides written notice to the Province at least five business days before the scheduled Workshop date that such Proponent has declined the invitation to attend, provided that the Province may proceed with the applicable Workshop with the other Proponent that has not declined attendance at any such additional optional Workshop.

### 3.5.2.2 Workshop Agendas and Summaries

Prior to each scheduled Workshop and not later than the date specified by the Province in its written notice to the Proponents, each Proponent will deliver to the Contact Person a list of requested agenda items including any issues, comments, and requested amendments to the Draft Design-Build Agreement proposed to be discussed at such Workshop.

Any issues, comments, and requested amendments to the Draft Design-Build Agreement should be submitted in table format, identifying the Draft Design-Build Agreement wording that is the subject of the issue, the comment or requested amendment, highlighting the Proponent's priorities, and setting out the corresponding summary of the issue or comments, and where applicable the requested substitute wording and accompanying memorandum summarizing the rationale for the requested amendment.

### 3.5.2.3 Topic Meetings

Attendance at Topic Meetings is not mandatory. The Proponent or any of the other Proponents may decline to take part in any one or more Topic Meetings, provided that the Province may proceed with a Topic Meeting or Topic Meetings with the Proponent that has not declined attendance at any Topic Meeting.

The Proponent may, subject to any restrictions established by the Province on prior written notice to the Proponent, determine the appropriate representative or representatives, including the number of representatives, who will attend each Topic Meeting on behalf of the Proponent.

### 3.5.3 Non-Binding Nature of Topic Meetings and Workshops

No part of the evaluation of the Proponent's Proposal will be based on:

- a) information obtained or shared;
- b) the conduct of the Proponent, the Proponent Team Members, other Proponents or their respective Proponent Team Members, the Province, BCTFA, Infrastructure BC, or their respective representatives, including officers, directors, employees, consultants, agents, and advisors; or
- c) discussions that occur;



at or during any Workshop or Topic Meeting.

In any Topic Meeting or Workshop a Proponent may seek information or comments from the Province and the Province in its sole discretion may, but in no event will be obligated to, determine whether to provide, and the timing and method for providing, any such information or comments, or any response at all.

If a Proponent wishes to have any matter confirmed, including any statement made by or on behalf of the Province at a Workshop or Topic Meeting, the Proponent will submit an RFI describing the matter and requesting that the Province confirm the matter by Response to Proponents and if the matter relates to a clarification or change to a term of this RFP or the Draft Design-Build Agreement, requesting that the Province confirm the matter by Addendum clarifying or amending, as the case may be, the applicable term of this RFP and the Draft Design-Build Agreement.

#### 3.5.4 Finalization of the Design-Build Agreement

The Province has issued the Draft Design-Build Agreement as Volume 2 of this RFP. In addition to considering comments and issues discussed in the Workshops and Topic Meetings, the Province may from time to time invite Proponents to review and submit further comments in respect of the Draft Design-Build Agreement.

Any information or documentation provided to, or which comes to the attention of the Province at, or in connection with, any Workshops or Topic Meetings, including in, or as a result of questions raised during any such meetings, and further Proponent-requested amendments or information relating to commercially sensitive matters, may be subject to disclosure to the other Proponents in the discretion of the Province.

Proponents may submit additional comments, requested amendments, and issues following these discussions.

The Province will consider comments, issues, and requested amendments to the Draft Design-Build Agreement received from the Proponents. Without limiting any other provision of this RFP, including Section 5.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP, the Province may at its discretion, on its own initiative, or as a result of Proponent comments or requests, at any time and from time to time, including after the Technical Submittal Deadline, by Addenda amend, restructure, or supplement the initial and any revised form of the Draft Design-Build Agreement, including by incorporating any such Proponent requested and any other changes.



The Province will issue the Definitive Design-Build Agreement by Addendum as Volume 2 of this RFP.

### **3.6 Authorizations, Orders, and Approvals**

Without limiting any other term of this RFP, the execution of the Design-Build Agreement is subject to the issuance of all necessary Province and governmental authorizations, orders, and approvals required in connection therewith, including the following:

- a) any approvals required under the *Financial Administration Act* (British Columbia); and
- b) any other regulatory or other approvals required under the laws of British Columbia or Canada.

Unless otherwise provided for in this RFP, required authorizations, orders and approvals may be obtained by the Preferred Proponent and the Province, as applicable, prior to the Effective Date.

### **3.7 Proposal Submittal Requirements**

Proposal submittal requirements are set out in detail in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP, and include formatting, packaging and content requirements relating to the Proposals.

Proposals are to be delivered in the following submittals, as further described in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP.

#### **3.7.1 Interim Financial Capacity Submittal**

Proponents are to provide an Interim Financial Capacity Submittal to the Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location before the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline. The Interim Financial Capacity Submittal is to include no pricing information.

#### **3.7.2 Technical Submittal**

Subject to receipt of a Notice of Continued Status pursuant to Section 3.8.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP, Proponents are to provide a Technical Submittal to the Submission Location before the Technical Submittal Deadline. The Technical Submittal is to include no pricing information.

### 3.7.3 Financial Submittal

If invited to do so, pursuant to Section 3.8.6 of Volume 1 of this RFP, Proponents are to provide a Financial Submittal to the Submission Location before the Financial Submittal Deadline. The Financial Submittal is to include pricing information.

### 3.7.4 Submittal Deadlines and Submission Location for Proposals

The Interim Financial Capacity Submittal is to be received at the Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location. Interim Financial Capacity Submittals submitted by telephone, or other electronic means will not be accepted.

The Technical Submittal and the Financial Submittal are to be received at the Submission Location. Technical Submittals and Financial Submittals submitted by telephone, or other electronic means will not be accepted.

The calendar and clock designated as the official calendar and clock by the Province at the Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location or the Submission Location, as applicable, whether accurate or not, will be determinative with respect to whether an Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, including any part of an Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, has been received before the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline, whether a Technical Submittal, including any part of a Technical Submittal, has been received before the Technical Submittal Deadline and whether a Financial Submittal, including any part of a Financial Submittal, has been received before the Financial Submittal Deadline. The Province may at any time and from time to time, by Addendum sent to the Proponents (whether or not actually received by the Proponents), amend, including by extension, the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline, the Technical Submittal Deadline and/or the Financial Submittal Deadline.

### 3.7.5 Intellectual Property (IP) Rights

#### 3.7.5.1 Interpretation of references to a “Proponent” in Section 3.7.5

Any reference in Section 3.7.5 of Volume 1 of this RFP to a Proponent includes, if and to the extent applicable, each of its Proponent Team Members.

#### 3.7.5.2 Delivery of Work Product and List of Non-Work Product IP

Each Proponent must, at the time it submits its Proposal and at any other time reasonably requested by the Province, deliver to the Contact Person:

- a) a copy of the Work Product, in format acceptable to the Province; and



- b) a List of Non-Work Product IP.

The List of Non-Work Product IP must specifically identify, describe, categorize and indicate the owner(s) of all Background IP and Third Party IP, unless such disclosure would result in a Proponent Team Member's violation of any confidentiality obligations in respect of any Third Party IP, in which case the Proponent will be required only to disclose:

- a) a general identification and description of such Third Party IP and the reason that it has not been fully disclosed; and
- b) the identity of the owner(s) of such Third Party IP and the relationship of the impacted Proponent Team Member(s) to such owner(s).

#### 3.7.5.3 Ownership of Work Product by the Design-Builder

As between the Province and any Proponent who becomes the Design-Builder, the Design-Builder will own the Work Product and all Intellectual Property Rights therein, and the Design-Builder will grant a license to the Province in respect of that Work Product in accordance with the terms of the Design-Build Agreement.

#### 3.7.5.4 Ownership of all other Proponents' Work Product

In respect of all Proponents other than the Design-Builder, effective immediately upon the execution of the Design-Build Agreement ("DBA Execution") and in consideration of the Province's payment of the Stipend or the Termination Fee, as applicable, the Province will own the Work Product and all Intellectual Property Rights therein and each such Proponent hereby agrees that, upon the Province's request, it will:

- a) irrevocably and unconditionally assign to the Province all of its rights, including Intellectual Property Rights, in, to and associated with the Work Product (the "Assigned Work Product"), in the form set out in Form 9 of Volume 3 to this RFP; and
- b) obtain and provide the Province with waivers of moral rights from all persons who generated the Assigned Work Product, in the form set out in Form 10 of Volume 3 to this RFP.

#### 3.7.5.5 Complete License in lieu of assignment

If any assignment of rights contemplated in Section 3.7.5.4 of Volume 1 of this RFP is not, or cannot, as a matter of law, be granted to the Province, the Proponent hereby

unconditionally grants to the Province a Complete License to any such Work Product, which license may at any time be rejected in whole or in part by the Province and, in which case, the provisions of subsection c) of Section 3.7.5.12 of Volume 1 of this RFP with respect to the replacement of such Work Product shall apply.

#### 3.7.5.6 License Back in Respect of Assigned Work Product

Effective immediately upon the DBA Execution, the Province hereby grants to each Proponent Team Member a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, fully-paid, sub-licensable, transferable and assignable license to use and disclose its Assigned Work Product for any purpose whatsoever, subject to the following conditions:

- a) the Assigned Work Product is licensed by the Province “as is” without warranty of any kind whether express or implied including, without limitation, implied warranties of accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose;
- b) any use or disclosure of such Assigned Work Product by the Proponent Team Member will be at the sole risk of the Proponent Team Member and none of the Releasees will have any liability whatsoever for any Claims in respect of the use of, or any inability to use, such Assigned Work Product by the Proponent Team Member or any of its authorized users; and
- c) nothing in this license grant will relieve the Proponent Team Member from any obligation of confidentiality or non-use, however arising, in any way relating to the Assigned Work Product.

#### 3.7.5.7 License to Background IP and Third Party IP

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Province (including, and subject to, the terms of the Design-Build Agreement in respect of the Design-Builder), effective as of the date that it submits its Proposal, each Proponent hereby unconditionally grants to the Province a Complete License for the Permitted Use of the:

- a) Background IP; and
- b) Third Party IP, except for any Third Party IP that:
  - i. consists of non-specialized, commercial off-the-shelf or “Software as a Service” (SaaS) software that, based on its review of the List of Non-



Work Product IP and in its sole discretion, the Province has determined it does not require a license to be provided by the Proponent in accordance with this Section 3.7.5.7 of Volume 1 of this RFP in order to operate, exploit or make use of the Work Product, or

- ii. the Province has been informed of and has agreed in advance in writing is, due to its specialized and proprietary nature, the proper subject matter of a Limited License rather than a Complete License.

#### 3.7.5.8 Third Party Consent

If any Complete License or Limited License described in subsection b) of Section 3.7.5.7 of Volume 1 of this RFP cannot be validly granted without the consent of a Third Party, the Proponent, at its expense, will use its best efforts to obtain such consent in writing and, without limiting any of its other obligations, will indemnify and hold harmless each of the Releasees from and against any and all Claims in any way, and at any time, arising from the failure to obtain such written consent.

#### 3.7.5.9 Province rights in respect of Third Party IP licenses

In respect of any Third Party IP for which a Complete License or Limited License is granted by a Proponent (other than the Design-Builder) pursuant to Section 3.7.5.7 of Volume 1 of this RFP, the Province may, following the DBA Execution or other conclusion of the Competitive Selection Process, elect to:

- a) terminate any such Complete License or Limited License with no liability to the Proponent, the owner of the Third Party IP or any other person; or
- b) continue any such Complete License or Limited License, provided that the Province will be obligated to pay all license fees associated with its use of any applicable Third Party IP following the DBA Execution.

#### 3.7.5.10 Indemnity

Without limiting Section 3.16 of Volume 1 of this RFP, each Proponent Team Member will indemnify and hold harmless the Province and each of the other Releasees from and against any and all Claims, including allegations or findings of infringement of Intellectual Property Rights, breach of confidence or unauthorized use by any of the



Releasees of Confidential Information or Intellectual Property of other persons, in any way, and at any time, arising out of or in connection with:

- a) the Proponent Team Member's use, disclosure or provision to the Province of any Work Product, Background IP or Third Party IP;
- b) the Proponent Team Member's failure to obtain or provide the Province with any assignments, licenses or waivers of moral rights as required under this RFP; or
- c) the Province's use of any Work Product (including Assigned Work Product), Background IP or Third Party IP in accordance with the rights granted by the Proponent Team Member to the Province under this RFP.

#### 3.7.5.11 Appointment as agent

Each Proponent Team Member hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Province, and its duly authorized officers and agents, as the Proponent Team Member's agent and attorney-in-fact to act for and on its behalf to execute, deliver and file any and all documents with the same legal force and effect as if executed by the Proponent Team Member, if the Province is unable for any reason to secure the execution of any document reasonably required to assign, transfer, license, waive or register any Intellectual Property Rights as required to be provided to the Province by the Proponent Team Member under Section 3.7.5 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

#### 3.7.5.12 Sufficiency of Rights

Except as otherwise agreed in writing with the Province, each Proponent Team Member represents, warrants and agrees that:

- a) it owns, has or will obtain sufficient rights in the Work Product, the Background IP and the Third Party IP, and the Intellectual Property Rights therein, for it to make the assignments and grant the licenses to the Province as required under this RFP;
- b) it has obtained or will obtain waivers of moral rights from all persons as necessary for it to provide such waivers in favour of the Province as required under this RFP; and
- c) if at any time any assignments, licenses or waivers required to be provided by it to the Province under this RFP cannot be provided, it

will replace the impacted portion of the Work Product, Background IP or Third Party IP, as the case may be, with an alternative product or technology that meets the Province's requirements and for which the necessary assignments, licenses or waivers can be provided, at no additional cost to the Province.

#### 3.7.5.13 Province Acknowledgement

The Province acknowledges and agrees that:

- a) except as otherwise provided in this RFP, any use of the Assigned Work Product by or on behalf of the Province will be at the sole risk of the Province and its users; and
- b) in respect of any software included in any Background IP or Third Party IP, it will not reverse engineer, decompile or otherwise arrive at the source code of that software, nor will it extract, sell, lease, license, sub-license or otherwise transfer, convey or alienate that software (whether for commercial consideration or not) to any person as a stand-alone product, except as may be necessary or desirable to exploit the Work Product or otherwise in connection with the Permitted Use.

### 3.8 Evaluation Process

#### 3.8.1 Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Package Review

The Interim Financial Capacity Submittal will be reviewed for substantial completeness in accordance with this RFP.

#### 3.8.2 Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Evaluation

The Interim Financial Capacity Submittal evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

#### 3.8.3 Notice of Continued Status

The Province anticipates providing each Proponent within ten (10) Business Days, or such longer period as may be required by the Province, of receiving the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, a confidential response indicating any requests for further information regarding the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal as contemplated in Section A of Appendix B to Volume 1 of this RFP.



Once the Province is satisfied with and has accepted the Proponent's Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, the Province will confirm a Proponent's continued status as Proponent (Notice of Continued Status).

Receipt of a Notice of Continued Status is a condition of each Proponent's continued status as a Proponent.

#### 3.8.4 Technical Submittal Package Review

The Province will review the Technical Submittal for substantial completeness in accordance with this RFP.

#### 3.8.5 Technical Submittal Evaluation

The Technical Submittal evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

#### 3.8.6 Invitations to Submit Financial Submittal

The Province will, subject to the terms of this RFP, invite each Proponent that has delivered a Technical Submittal that substantially satisfies the requirements of this RFP and that otherwise is considered, in accordance with this RFP, to be eligible to receive such an invitation, to submit a Financial Submittal.

Proponents are to prepare their Financial Submittal on the basis of:

- a) the Affordability Requirement; and
- b) the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, without amendment, and including any further information and documentation provided by the Province in accordance with this RFP.

#### 3.8.7 Financial Submittal Package Review

The Province will review the Financial Submittal for substantial completeness in accordance with this RFP.

#### 3.8.8 Validity of Proposals

By submitting a Proposal, each Proponent agrees that:

- a) its Proposal, including all prices and input costs, will remain fixed and irrevocable from the Financial Submittal Deadline until midnight at the



end of the 90<sup>th</sup> day following the Financial Submittal Deadline (the “Proposal Validity Period”); and

- b) after the expiry of the Proposal Validity Period, all prices and input costs in its Proposal may not be adjusted unless the Proponent provides notice to the Province of any proposed adjustment and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Province that the Proponent has used its best efforts to continue to maintain the prices and input costs firm and valid, but that despite such best efforts, the specified adjustments to the prices and input costs are required solely as a direct result of one or more events that:
  - i. are external to the Proponent and the Proponent Team Members;
  - ii. could not have been prevented by, and are beyond the control of, the Proponent and any of its Proponent Team Members; and
  - iii. constitute a material adverse change to the conditions underlying the prices and input costs that are subject to the adjustment, provided that on receipt of the Proponent’s written notice as referenced above, the Province may at its discretion discontinue the process with the Proponent as the Preferred Proponent, if such Proponent has been so selected.

A Proponent may indicate in its Proposal a Proposal Validity Period that exceeds 90 days, which shall be the Proposal Validity Period for such Proponent in accordance with this RFP.

### 3.8.9 Financial Submittal Evaluation

The evaluation of the Financial Submittal will be in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

### 3.8.10 Invitation to Deliver Preferred Proponent Security Deposit

The Province will, subject to the terms of this RFP, invite the Proponent that has delivered a Proposal that:

- a) substantially satisfies the requirements of this RFP and the Definitive Design-Build Agreement;



- b) receives the highest ranking in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in Appendix B to Volume 1 of this RFP; and
- c) otherwise, is considered, in accordance with this RFP, to be eligible to be selected to receive such an invitation, to deliver the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit on or before the date and time specified by the Province.

By being included as a Proponent Team Member of a Proponent submitting a Proposal, each of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent agree that:

- a) such Proponent's eligibility to be considered for selection as the Preferred Proponent is conditional upon such Proponent delivering, in response to an unrevoked invitation from the Province, the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in the amount of \$10 million in accordance with this RFP; and
- b) if such Proponent does not deliver the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit to the Province in accordance with this RFP:
  - i. such Proponent will neither be eligible to be selected as the Preferred Proponent nor be eligible to receive the Stipend or the Termination Fee; and
  - ii. the Province may, in its sole discretion, do any one or more of the following:
    - A. by written notice to such Proponent, cease all negotiations with such Proponent and refrain from designating such Proponent as Preferred Proponent for all purposes in connection with the Competitive Selection Process, including this RFP;
    - B. select any other of the Proponents as the Preferred Proponent and continue with the Competitive Selection Process;
    - C. commence negotiations with any other Proponent or any other person; and
    - D. pursue any of the options available to the Province under this RFP.



### 3.8.11 Preferred Proponent

The Province will, subject to the terms of this RFP, select as the Preferred Proponent, the Proponent that has delivered the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in accordance with the invitation issued pursuant to Section 3.8.10 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

The Province may, at its discretion, invite the Preferred Proponent to commence certain works, including certain design works, on substantially the terms set out in the Limited Notice to Proceed found at Form 11 of Volume 3 of this RFP.

### 3.8.12 Return of Preferred Proponent Security Deposit

The Province will, subject to the terms of this RFP, return the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit to the Proponent selected as the Preferred Proponent that has delivered such Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in accordance with this RFP:

- a) within 10 days after receipt by the Province of a written demand from such Proponent, if:
  - i. the Province issues a Termination Notice terminating the Competitive Selection Process for reasons unrelated to such Proponent and the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent; or
  - ii. the Province fails to execute and deliver an agreement substantially in the form of the Design-Build Agreement contemplated to be finalized and settled in accordance with the process described in this RFP on or before the Proposal Validity Period for such Proponent after receipt by such Proponent of notification of its selection as Preferred Proponent, provided that such failure is not a result of a failure by such Proponent to satisfy any conditions precedent set out in the Design-Build Agreement or a result of the Province and such Proponent having been negotiating a Design-Build Agreement as contemplated in this RFP; or
- b) within 10 days following the later of the execution and delivery of the Design-Build Agreement by such Proponent and all other parties thereto.

### 3.8.13 Retention of Preferred Proponent Security Deposit

- a) Despite any other term of this RFP, the Province may in its sole discretion and without notice draw on, retain and apply the proceeds of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit to its own or other use in its sole discretion, despite delivery by the Proponent selected as the Preferred Proponent that has delivered such Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in accordance with this RFP of a notice under Section 3.8.12 (a) of Volume 1 of this RFP, if
- i. there is a material breach of this RFP or the Proponent Agreement by any of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent; or
  - ii. after receipt of written notice from the Province the Proponent fails to cause the Design-Builder to execute and deliver an agreement substantially in the form of the Design-Build Agreement contemplated to be finalized and settled in accordance with the process for settling the Design-Build Agreement described in this RFP,

within 30 days (or such longer period as the parties may agree in writing) of receipt of such written notice, provided that such failure on the part of such Proponent to cause to be executed and delivered an agreement substantially in the form of the Design-Build Agreement contemplated to be finalized and settled in accordance with the process for settling the Design-Build Agreement described in this RFP, is not solely as a result of a major disabling event (other than a disruption of financial markets) which could not have been reasonably prevented by and is beyond the reasonable control of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent and which such Proponent can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Province, acting reasonably, would substantially frustrate or render it impossible for the Design-Builder to perform the obligations of the Design-Builder under the Design-Build Agreement for a continuous period of 180 days.

- b) If the Proponent selected as the Preferred Proponent that has delivered such Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in accordance with this RFP notifies the Province in writing in accordance with this RFP that such Proponent disputes the Province's right to call on and retain the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit, then:

- i. the Province may, in its sole discretion, nonetheless call on the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit and retain and apply the proceeds of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in accordance with this Section 3.8.13;
  - ii. the retention and application of the proceeds of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit will be without prejudice to the right of such Proponent to dispute the Province's right to call on and retain the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit; and
  - iii. if the dispute is resolved fully and finally in favour of such Proponent, then the Province's liability will be limited to repayment of all or the portion of the amount of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit called on and retained by the Province, together with interest charges at the rate prescribed under the Financial Administration Act (British Columbia) and the Interest on Overdue Accounts Payable Regulation (B.C. Reg 215/83) on that amount.
- c) If the Proponent selected as the Preferred Proponent that has delivered such Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in accordance with this RFP fails to provide written notice to the Province of the renewal or extension of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit at least 30 days prior to the expiry date of the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit, or if such Proponent fails to renew or extend the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit, the Province may, in its sole discretion and at any time without notice to such Proponent, call on the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit and hold the proceeds as the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit in the same manner and for the same purposes as the letter of credit and the terms of Sections 3.8.13 (b)(i) through (iii) of Volume 1 of this RFP do not apply to the Province's call and retention of the proceeds under this Section 3.8.13 (c).

### **3.9 Debriefing**

Following the Effective Date, representatives of the Province will, upon request, meet with Proponents and provide them with a debriefing. During such debriefing, the relative

strengths, and weaknesses of that Proponent's Proposal will be disclosed and discussed.

### **3.10 Close Process**

#### **3.10.1 Design-Build Agreement – Finalize Terms and Close**

It is the intention of the Province that, subject to Section 3.10.2 of Volume 1 of this RFP, any issues with respect to the Draft Design-Build Agreement must be finalized prior to the Financial Submittal Deadline so that the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, once issued, will not be further modified and is to be executed by the Preferred Proponent without further negotiation or amendment, except for changes, modifications, and additions:

- a) relating to the determination by the Province at its discretion regarding which parts, if any, of the Proposal are to be incorporated by reference or otherwise into the Design-Build Agreement or otherwise pursuant to express provisions of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, and changes and additions as a consequence of or in connection with such incorporations;
- b) to those provisions or parts of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement which are indicated as being subject to completion or finalization or which the Province determines at its discretion require completion or finalization, including provisions which require;
  - i. the modification or the insertion or addition of information relating to the Proponent's formation (corporate, partnership or other); and
  - ii. the modification or the insertion or addition of information in order to reflect accurately the nature of the Proponent's relationships with its Subcontractors;
- c) required by the Province at its discretion to complete, based on the Proposal, any provision of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, including changes, modifications and additions contemplated in or required under the terms of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement;
- d) that the Province, at its discretion, considers are necessary to create or provide for a duly authorized and legally complete, enforceable, and binding agreement;

- e) that the Province, at its discretion, considers are necessary solely to enhance clarity in legal drafting; and
- f) that reflect Acceptable Equivalents in accordance with Section 2.2.7 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

### 3.10.2 Negotiations

If the Preferred Proponent submitted a Proposal that exceeds the Affordability Requirement, the Province may, at its discretion, and without limiting any other term of this RFP, including Section 5.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP, by delivery of written notice, invite the Preferred Proponent to enter into negotiations with a view to obtaining a Design-Build Agreement which the Province considers at its discretion to be in the interests of or advantageous to the Province or otherwise acceptable to the Province.

The negotiations may, at the Province's discretion, extend to any matter whatsoever, including changes and additions to, and removals of, any one or more aspects or parts, including design, technical, scope, schedule, commercial, risk, pricing aspects or parts, of the Project, the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, the Proposal, and the Project Work.

Neither the Province nor the Preferred Proponent will be under any obligation or duty, whether in contract, tort, statute, or common law, to negotiate any matter, to continue negotiations or to obtain a Design-Build Agreement through this process.

The Province may at any time and from time to time and for any reason that the Province at its discretion considers to be in the interests of the Province, including if the Preferred Proponent declines to accept the Province's invitation to enter into negotiations, revoke the invitation and, if applicable, terminate negotiations with the Preferred Proponent and proceed to take any one or more steps that the Province at its discretion considers to be in its interests or to its advantage including:

- a) proceed with the same Proponent as Preferred Proponent to finalize and settle the Definitive Design-Build Agreement as contemplated in Section 3.10.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP in which case the terms of Section 3.10.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP will apply;
- b) discontinue the process with the Proponent, select another Proponent as Preferred Proponent and invite that Proponent to enter into the negotiations contemplated in this Section 3.10.2;

c) discontinue the process with the Proponent and select another Proponent as Preferred Proponent to finalize and settle the Definitive Design-Build Agreement as contemplated in Section 3.10.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP in which case the terms of Section 3.10.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP will apply; or

d) any of the steps contemplated in Section 5.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

### **3.11 Fairness Reviewer**

Jane Shackell, KC has been appointed as the Fairness Reviewer by the Province with responsibility, as an independent observer, to review the development and implementation of the Competitive Selection Process up to the selection of a Preferred Proponent from a fairness perspective. The Fairness Reviewer will provide a written report in respect of the Proposal evaluation process which will be made public by the Province.

The Fairness Reviewer will be:

- a) provided with full access to all documents, meetings and information related to the evaluation process under the RFP that the Fairness Reviewer, at its discretion, decides is required; and
- b) kept fully informed by the Province of all documents and activities associated with this RFP.

Proponents may contact the Fairness Reviewer directly with regards to questions about the fairness of the Competitive Selection Process. The reports, commentary, and opinions of the Fairness Reviewer on any issue of fairness with respect to the Competitive Selection Process, are final determinations of any issues of fairness with respect to the Competitive Selection Process.



### 3.12 Timetable

The anticipated timetable for the Competitive Selection Process is set out in Table 2.

TABLE 2: ANTICIPATED TIMELINE FOR THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

Activity	Timeline
Topic Meeting – All-Proponents Information Meeting	February 12, 2025
Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline	February 13, 2025
Proponents submit agendas for Workshop 1	February 27, 2025
Workshop 1	March 6-7, 2025
Proponents submit agendas for Workshop 2	March 19, 2025
Workshop 2	April 2-4, 2025
Definitive Design-Build Agreement issued	Week of April 28, 2025
Technical Submittal Deadline	June 06, 2025
Invitation to Submit a Financial Submittal	August 5, 2025
Financial Submittal Deadline	August 18, 2025

This estimated timeline is subject to change at the discretion of the Province.

### 3.13 Stipend

Each Proponent will, subject to the terms of this RFP and subject to the following conditions having been satisfied, be eligible to receive the Stipend in the manner set out in this RFP:

- a) such Proponent has submitted a Conforming Proposal and has not withdrawn from the Competitive Selection Process;
- b) subject to subsection 3.13 (c), the Province has not selected such Proponent as the Preferred Proponent;
- c) if such Proponent was selected as Preferred Proponent, the Province has revoked its invitation and terminated negotiations with such Proponent as contemplated in this RFP and not proceeded with such Proponent to finalize and settle the Design-Build Agreement;

- d) the Province has not delivered notice of ineligibility to such Proponent in respect of the Competitive Selection Process in accordance with Section 3.16 of Volume 1 of this RFP;
- e) all Proponent Team Members of such Proponent have executed and delivered, and caused to be executed and delivered, as the case may be to the Province, a Release, Waiver and Confirmatory Assignment in the form attached as Form 9 of Volume 3 to this RFP;
- f) Waivers of Moral Rights in favour of the Province in the form attached as Form 10 of Volume 3 to this RFP have been executed and delivered to the Province by all persons who generated such Proponent's Work Product;
- g) such Proponent has attended and participated in the Workshops in accordance with the terms of this RFP;
- h) each of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent has observed and satisfied and continues to observe and satisfy the terms of the Competitive Selection Process, including this RFP;
- i) the Province has not delivered a Termination Notice; and
- j) such Proponent has delivered the Stipend Invoice in accordance with the requirements set out below.

Each applicable Proponent will, subject to each of the conditions listed in subsections 3.13 (a) to (i) having been satisfied, deliver an invoice (the "Stipend Invoice") to the Province confirming satisfaction of each of such conditions and requesting payment of the Stipend, by not later than 90 days after the earliest to occur of the following event and date:

- k) delivery of written notice from the Province to such Proponent of execution and delivery of the Design-Build Agreement by all parties; and
- l) the date that is 180 days after the Financial Submittal Deadline if the Province has not announced a Preferred Proponent.

The Province will, subject to the terms of this RFP and provided that each of the conditions listed in this Section 3.13 has been satisfied by such Proponent, pay the

Stipend to each applicable Proponent not later than 30 days after receipt of the Stipend Invoice.

### **3.14 Termination Fee**

If the Province delivers a Termination Notice terminating the Competitive Selection Process for reasons unrelated to the integrity of the Competitive Selection Process, each Proponent will, subject to the terms of this RFP and subject to the following conditions having been satisfied, be eligible to receive the Termination Fee in the manner set out in this RFP:

- a) such Proponent has delivered a Conforming Proposal if the Termination Notice is issued after the Financial Submittal Deadline;
- b) such Proponent has not withdrawn from the Competitive Selection Process;
- c) the Province has not delivered notice of ineligibility to such Proponent in respect of the Competitive Selection Process in accordance with Section 3.16 of Volume 1 of this RFP;
- d) all Proponent Team Members of such Proponent have executed and delivered and caused to be executed and delivered, as the case may be to the Province a Release, Waiver and Confirmatory Assignment in the form attached as Form 9 of Volume 3 to this RFP;
- e) Waivers of Moral Rights in favor of the Province in the form attached as Form 10 of Volume 3 to this RFP have been executed and delivered to the Province by all persons who generated such Proponent's Work Product;
- f) such Proponent has attended and participated in the Workshops if held before issuance of the Termination Notice, in accordance with the terms of this RFP;
- g) such Proponent has delivered to the Province a full accounting with accompanying supporting documentation in sufficient detail to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Province the actual and reasonable expenditures incurred by the Proponent to prepare the Conforming Proposal or, in the case of a Termination Notice being issued before the Financial Submittal Deadline, the Proposal up to the date of the Termination Notice;

- h) each of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent has observed and satisfied and continues to observe and satisfy all terms of the Competitive Selection Process, including the RFQ and this RFP; and
- i) such Proponent has delivered the Termination Fee Invoice in accordance with the requirements set out below.

Each Proponent will, subject to each of the conditions listed in subsections 3.14 (a) to (h) having been satisfied, deliver an invoice (the “Termination Fee Invoice”) to the Province setting out in reasonable detail the expenditures referenced in subsection 3.14 (g), by not later than 90 days after delivery by the Province to such Proponent of the Termination Notice.

The Province will, subject to the terms of this RFP and provided that each of the conditions listed in this Section 3.14 has been satisfied, by such Proponent, pay the Termination Fee to each Proponent not later than 30 days after receipt of the Termination Fee Invoice.

### **3.15 Releases and Waivers**

- a) Each Proponent and each of its respective Proponent Team Members:
  - i. agrees that the Releasees and each of them will not under any circumstances be responsible or liable for or in respect of any Claims by any person (including such Proponent or any of its Proponent Team Members, including any person claiming through any of them, or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, or agents);
  - ii. releases, acquits, and forever discharges the Releasees and each of them from any and all Claims; and
  - iii. agrees that it will not bring, and by participating in the Competitive Selection Process, waives, any Claims against the Releasees and each of them in excess of an amount equivalent to the actual and reasonable out of pocket costs directly incurred and paid by such Proponent in preparing the Proposal to a maximum of:

- A. the amount of the Stipend, if the Competitive Selection Process has not been terminated by delivery of a Termination Notice; or
- B. the applicable amount set out as the Termination Fee that corresponds to such Termination Notice, if a Termination Notice is delivered by the Province;

for any matter whatsoever arising out of, in connection with or relating in any way to the Competitive Selection Process or any one or more part of the Competitive Selection Process, including matters or issues contemplated or considered in the reports, opinions or commentary of the Fairness Reviewer, the decisions and rulings of the COI Adjudicator, or any of them.

b) Each Proponent and each of its respective Proponent Team Members agree that:

- i. in no event will such Proponent be eligible to receive, or the Province be obligated to pay both the Stipend and the Termination Fee, and that the payment of the Stipend or the applicable Termination Fee, as the case may be, operates to render the obligations of the Province under Section 3.13 and Section 3.14 of Volume 1 of this RFP exhausted, spent and extinguished; and;
- ii. if such Proponent is eligible in accordance with the terms of this RFP to receive either the Stipend or the Termination Fee, as the case may be, then payment by the Province to such Proponent of the Stipend or the applicable Termination Fee, as the case may be, will not be cumulative and in addition to, but will be deemed to be in substitution for and as full and final settlement of any Claim of such Proponent or any of its Proponent Team Members, including any Claim referenced in Section 3.15 (a) of Volume 1 of this RFP.

c) Each Proponent will indemnify, and where a Proponent is a partnership (general or limited), a consortium or joint venture, each partner in the partnership and each of the entities comprising the consortium or joint venture will jointly and severally indemnify and hold harmless the Province and each of the other Releasees from and against any and all Claims brought by or on behalf of:

- i. any of its present, former, or prospective Proponent Team Members against the Province or any other Releasee or Releasees, or;
- ii. any person as a result of any act or omission of such Proponent or any of its Proponent Team Members;

arising out of, in connection with or relating in any way to the Competitive Selection Process or any one or more parts of the Competitive Selection Process, including matters or issues contemplated or considered in the reports, opinions or commentary of the Fairness Reviewer, the decisions and rulings of the COI Adjudicator, or any of them, including in connection with the performance of the obligations of each of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent under this RFP.

- d) Each of the Proponent Team Members of each Proponent accepts and agrees to be bound by the waivers, disclaimers, limitations of liability and indemnities delivered, or which will be delivered, by each of the Proponent Team Members of such Proponent, as the case may be, in connection with the Competitive Selection Process or any one or more parts of the Competitive Selection Process, including the Workshops and Topic Meetings and other consultative or facilitative or facilitated processes in the Competitive Selection Process.

### 3.16 Notice of Ineligibility

Without limiting any other rights, powers and remedies of the Province, the Province may in its sole discretion on the happening of any one or more of the following events or at any time thereafter give written notice of such event or events to the applicable Proponent and such notice will constitute a notice of ineligibility for purposes of Section 3.13 and Section 3.14 of Volume 1 of this RFP:

- a) an order is made, a resolution is passed, or a petition is filed for the liquidation or winding up of any Proponent Team Member of such Proponent;
- b) any Proponent Team Member of such Proponent becomes insolvent, commits an act of bankruptcy, makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or otherwise acknowledges its insolvency;
- c) a bankruptcy petition is filed or presented against, or a proposal under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada) or any similar law



of any other jurisdiction is made by any Proponent Team Member of such Proponent;

- d) a compromise or arrangement is proposed under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) or any similar law of any other jurisdiction in respect of any Proponent Team Member of such Proponent;
- e) a receiver or receiver manager or other person with similar powers is appointed of any property of any Proponent Team Member of such Proponent; or
- f) any Proponent Team Member of such Proponent becomes a Restricted Person.

## 4 General Information and Instructions

### 4.1 Background Investigations, Surveys, and Studies

Investigations, surveys, and studies have been and are anticipated to be undertaken with respect to the Project. Reports and other material relating to these activities are included in and will continue to be added to the Data Room.

### 4.2 Investigations, Surveys, and Studies by Proponents

Each Proponent is responsible for conducting its own independent due diligence and for satisfying itself as to all aspects of the Project, including assessments, investigations, examinations, surveys, and studies which they consider necessary, desirable, beneficial, or appropriate at their own cost.

Proponents are responsible for making their own arrangements in respect of access to lands that are not owned or administered by the Province.

Proponents will coordinate any field work or any access to any non-public part or parts of the Project Lands and adjacent areas, through the Province by submission of a request to the Contact Person, to ensure that inconvenience to landowners, tenants, road users, and other contractors is kept to a minimum, and to ensure that environmental, safety and time constraints are taken into account. The request for access should be submitted as early as possible, and in any event at least ten business days in advance of the time for any proposed access and should include the requested access or field work date(s), time(s), location(s), and proposed field work or activities including a completed Ministry of Transportation and Transit H1080 *Work Notification/Lane Closure Request and Approval* form.

The Province will provide no insurance or workers compensation coverage for any matter whatsoever to any Proponents, Proponent Team Members, or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them. Access to the Project Lands and adjacent areas, or to any other facilities or premises, may be conditioned upon Proponents providing evidence acceptable to the Province that insurance and indemnities, acceptable to the Province, are in place and granted as the case may be; that the Proponent and its Proponent Team Members and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them



are registered with the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia in accordance with applicable Laws, or have employer's liability insurance in amounts and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Province; and that a Representative of the Province be present during the Proponent's works and activities at the access locations.

Proponents are responsible for obtaining and holding any and all rights, permits, licences, consents, approvals, and authorities required by any governmental agency or authority or other person to carry out any such field work, assessments, investigations, and surveys.

#### **4.3 Data Room**

The Province has established a restricted access electronic data website for the Project (the "**Data Room**") and the Competitive Selection Process.

At any time and from time to time during the Competitive Selection Process, the Province may, at its discretion and without any notification, update information in the Data Room, including by adding, supplementing, replacing, or modifying information. Proponents are solely responsible for checking the Data Room frequently and on an ongoing basis to inform themselves of any such updates. Proponents are solely responsible for ensuring that they have software, which allows them access to, and use of, any information in the Data Room.

In the event of conflict or inconsistency between material downloaded from the Data Room and the applicable material as posted in the Data Room, the posted contents of the Data Room will govern and take precedence.

All information in the Data Room is subject to the terms of the Proponent Agreement, the Data Room Terms of Access, and any other confidentiality terms applicable to information in the Data Room.

## 5 General Matters

### 5.1 Amendment or Cancellation of Competitive Selection Process

This RFP may be amended only by Addenda issued by the Province.

The Province may at its discretion at any time, and from time to time, including after the Technical Submittal Deadline, by Addendum, amend, supplement or otherwise modify, any part or all of this RFP, including the Draft Design-Build Agreement and the Definitive Design-Build Agreement including by extending or accelerating any schedules, timetables, or dates, including any timetables or schedules for the Competitive Selection Process or the Project, the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline, the Technical Submittal Deadline and the Financial Submittal Deadline, or any of them, by adding to, reducing or otherwise modifying the evaluation process, including the ranking, for Proposals, or the scope or any other part of the Project, or by suspending, postponing, canceling or re-issuing, all or any part of this RFP.

### 5.2 No Contract

Other than to the extent provided for in the Proponent Agreement, this RFP is not a contract between the Province and any Proponent, nor is this RFP an offer or an agreement to purchase work, goods, or services. No contract of any kind for work goods or services whatsoever is formed under, or arises from this RFP, or as a result of, or in connection with, the submission of a Proposal, unless the Province and the Preferred Proponent execute and deliver the Design-Build Agreement, and then only to the extent expressly set out in the Design-Build Agreement.

### 5.3 No Obligation to Proceed or Make any Selection

Each of the Proponents and their respective Proponent Team Members acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding any term of this RFP, the Province is not in any way whatsoever obligated to continue with or complete any phase or stage of the Competitive Selection Process and may in its sole discretion do any one or more of the following:

- a) at any time, from time to time, for any reason whatsoever, including for reasons that the Province in its sole discretion considers to be in the interests of or advantageous to the Province, or to reflect the terms of applicable trade agreements, modify, including by limiting, expanding, replacing, substituting, extending, suspending, postponing

or cancelling, any stage of the Competitive Selection Process or the whole or any part or parts, including the scope, of the Project;

- b) by delivery of a Termination Notice to the Proponents, at any time, for any reason whatsoever, including for reasons that the Province in its sole discretion considers to be in the interests of or advantageous to the Province, terminate the Competitive Selection Process, including if the Province elects in its sole discretion not to continue negotiations with the Preferred Proponent to settle the Design-Build Agreement or elects in its sole discretion not to execute and deliver the settled form of Design-Build Agreement;
- c) not accept, review, or evaluate any one or all of the Proposals;
- d) not select a Preferred Proponent;
- e) not offer any of the Proponents the opportunity to enter into or award the Design-Build Agreement to any Proponent or at all;
- f) implement or issue any other procurement or other process for, or proceed in any other manner whatsoever, including using the Province's own forces, contractors, or authorities, with the whole or any part or parts of the Project; and
- g) proceed, including in conjunction with any one or more of the activities, processes or works described in subsections 5.3 (i) and (j) with all or any part of the design, construction, financing, operation or other activities in respect of the whole or any part or parts of the lands and infrastructure comprising or anticipated to comprise the Project through any other procurement or other process of any kind whatsoever, including negotiation, or prosecution of works using the Province's own forces, contractors or authorities.

Without limiting any other term of this RFP, if the Province fails to select a Preferred Proponent within 180 days after the Financial Submittal Deadline or terminates the Competitive Selection Process or cancels any part of the Competitive Selection Process, including this RFP, at any time and subsequently proceeds with any one or more of the activities, processes or works described in subsections 5.3 (a) to (g) above, the Province may in its sole discretion:

- h) contract directly with any person for any or all matters related directly or indirectly to all or any part of the design, construction, operation,

financing, or fare collection in respect of all or any part or parts of the lands and infrastructure comprising or anticipated to comprise the Project; and

- i) contract directly with any one or more of any of the Proponent Team Members of any of the Proponents, or with any one or more of the contractors, sub-contractors, consultants, advisors, or other persons engaged by or through any of them, and no Proponent Team Member of any Proponent will take any step or action that might prevent or impede the Province from so doing.

A negotiation process referenced in this Section 5.3 may:

- j) proceed with the Proponent that submitted the Proposal which the Province considers, at its discretion, to be most advantageous to the Province, and the Province may attempt to finalize an agreement, including a Design-Build Agreement, as applicable, with that Proponent on terms, conditions, and as to scope acceptable to the Province; or
- k) proceed with any person whom the Province considers, at its discretion, to be capable of completing the Project, or any parts thereof, for a price and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Province, and to be otherwise appropriate.

#### **5.4 Proposal Review and Evaluation**

The evaluation of Proposals will be conducted by the Province, as described in Section 3.8 of Volume 1 of this RFP, with the assistance of other persons as the Province may decide it requires, including technical, financial, legal, and other advisors or employees and representatives of the Province, Infrastructure BC, and other government agencies and private sector advisors and consultants, and provided that the evaluation of the Interim Financial Capacity Submittals will be conducted by Infrastructure BC on behalf of the Province by an evaluation team comprised solely of a limited number of Infrastructure BC employees. Infrastructure BC will not share any financial statements included in the Interim Financial Capacity Submittals with the Province, and all financial statements for non public entities will be returned by Infrastructure BC following the execution of the Design-Build Agreement.

The Province will evaluate Proposals in the manner set out in Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.



The Province may at its discretion establish its own methods and procedures for the review, evaluation and ranking of Proposals and the selection of a Preferred Proponent, if any.

The Province, may at its discretion, take any one or more of the following steps, at any time and from time to time in connection with the review and evaluation, including ranking, of any aspect of a Proposal, including if the Province considers that any Proposal or any part of a Proposal requires clarification or more complete information, contains defects, alterations, qualifications, omissions, inaccuracies or misstatements, or does not for any reason whatsoever satisfy any requirements of this RFP at any time, or for any other reason the Province at its discretion deems appropriate and in the interests of the Province and the Competitive Selection Process, or either of them:

- a) waive any such defect, ambiguity, alteration, qualification, omission, inaccuracy, misstatement, or failure to satisfy, and any resulting ineligibility on the part of the Proponent, or any member of the Proponent Team;
- b) independently consider, investigate, research, analyze, request, or verify any information or documentation whether or not contained in any Proposal;
- c) conduct credit, reference, criminal record, litigation, bankruptcy, taxpayer information and other checks and obtain references from persons, including persons other than those listed by Proponents in any part of their Proposals;
- d) not proceed to review and evaluate or discontinue the evaluation of any Proposal and disqualify the Proponent from this RFP and the Competitive Selection Process; and
- e) seek clarification, rectification or more complete, supplementary, replacement or additional information or documentation from any Proponent or in connection with any Proposal.

Without limiting the foregoing or Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP, the Province may at its discretion (and without further consultation with the Proponents), decline to review, evaluate or rank, or may reject outright any Proposal which in the opinion of the Province: (i) is materially incomplete or irregular, (ii) contains omissions, exceptions or variations not acceptable to or material to the Province, (iii) contains a false or misleading statement, claim or information, or (iv) for which background investigations

reveal any false statements, criminal affiliations or activities by a Proponent or Proponent Team Member and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them.

To enable the Province to take any one or more of the above-listed steps, the Province may enter into separate and confidential communications of any kind whatsoever, including by meetings or interviews, with any person, including any Proponent and Proponent Team Member. The Province has no obligation whatsoever to take the same steps or to enter into the same or any communications in respect of all Proponents and Proposals, or in respect of any Proponent, including the Proponent whose Proposal is the subject of the review or evaluation, as the case may be.

The review and evaluation, including the ranking, of any Proposal may rely on, take into account and include any information and documentation, including any clarification, more complete, supplementary, and additional or replacement information or documentation, including information and documentation provided in the Qualification Response or obtained through any of the above-listed investigations, research, analyses, checks, and verifications.

Proponents will not submit any clarifications, rectifications, information, or documentation in respect of the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal after the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline, in respect of the Technical Submittal after the Technical Submittal Deadline and in respect of the Financial Submittal after the Financial Submittal Deadline, without the prior approval of the Province or at the invitation or request of the Province.

If any information, including information as to experience or capacity, contained in a Proposal is not verified to the Province's satisfaction through such checks, the Province may, at its discretion, not consider such cited experience, capacity, or other information.

The Province is not bound by industry custom or practice in taking any of the steps listed above, in exercising any of its discretions, in formulating its opinions and considerations, exercising its discretions in making any decisions and determinations, or in discharging its functions under or in connection with this RFP, or in connection with any Proponent or any Proposal.

The Province's decision at its discretion as to whether or not a Proposal substantially satisfies the requirements of this RFP and the Definitive Design-Build Agreement will be final, and the Province need not consult with any Proponent in making its decision.

The Province has no obligation or duty, in any way, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, to accept the Proposal that receives the highest ranking in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in this RFP, or any Proposal.

## **5.5 Participation in the Competitive Selection Process**

If:

- a) a Proponent fails to observe any term of this RFP or to comply with any term of the Proponent Agreement;
- b) fails to ensure that its Proponent Team Members and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them observe the terms of this RFP or of the Proponent Agreement; or
- c) the Province becomes aware through investigations or checks, or otherwise (including any information provided to the Province in a Proposal), of any:
  - i. convictions or charges by a public body relating to the Proponent, Proponent Team Member or any of their respective Affiliated Persons related to inappropriate bidding practices or unethical behaviour in relation to a public procurement or broader public competitive selection process in any jurisdiction that:
    - A. are related to the Project;
    - B. may compromise the reputation or integrity of the Province or the British Columbia Government so as to affect public confidence in the Project;
    - C. would contravene any applicable Laws; or
    - D. could have a material adverse effect on the Proponent or a Proponent Team Member in a way which could impair the Proponent's or the

Proponent Team Member's ability to perform any obligations of the Design-Builder under the Design-Build Agreement; or

- ii. false statements, criminal affiliations or activities by a Proponent or any Proponent Team Member or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, as the case may be,

the Province may, at its discretion at any time and from time to time, including during the review and evaluation, including ranking, of any Proposal:

- d) determine that the Proponent is ineligible to continue to participate in the Competitive Selection Process;
- e) decline to or cease to review, evaluate, or rank, or reject outright the Proponent's Proposal;
- f) decline to consider a Proponent for selection as a Preferred Proponent, regardless of whether or not the Proponent receives the highest ranking in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in this RFP;
- g) decline to continue with a Preferred Proponent if one has been selected and designated;
- h) disqualify the Proponent from the Competitive Selection Process; or
- i) waive the failure or failures on such terms and conditions as the Province may at its discretion require to satisfy the Province's consideration of the interests of the Province, including the public interest, or of any other matter that in the Province's discretion is appropriate in respect of the Competitive Selection Process.

## **5.6 Conflicts in Documents**

If a Proponent considers any term of this RFP or the Definitive Design-Build Agreement to be in conflict with any other part of this RFP or the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, then the Proponent will notify the Contact Person in writing in accordance with Section 3.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP, giving the details of such apparent conflict and seeking clarification. If any such conflict exists but notice is not given by a Proponent,





the provision which, in the sole opinion of the Province, will provide the higher overall value or benefit to the Province, will govern, and take precedence.

Subject to the foregoing, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency, the Design-Build Agreement, including all schedules to the Design-Build Agreement, will govern and take precedence over this RFP.

## **5.7 Confidentiality and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**

All documents and other records in the custody of or under the control of any of the Province, BCTFA, and Infrastructure BC are subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (“FOIPPA”) and other applicable legislation.

Subject to the terms of FOIPPA, the Confidentiality Conditions in Schedule 1 to the Proponent Agreement and Section 5.10 of Volume 1 of this RFP, all Proposals and other documents and records submitted by a Proponent in connection with this RFP will be considered confidential.

The Province will, subject to all applicable Laws, including the FOIPPA, and except as may be otherwise required or necessary to enable the review and evaluation of Proposals and the administration of this RFP stage and any other part of the Competitive Selection Process, use reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of Proposals.

By submitting a Proposal, the Proponent represents and warrants to the Province that the Proponent has complied with applicable Laws, including by obtaining from each person any required consents and authorizations to the collection of information relating to such individual and to the submission of such information to the Province as part of the Proposal for the purposes of this RFP and the Competitive Selection Process.

## **5.8 No Communication or Collusion**

Proponents and Proponent Team Members and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them will not discuss or communicate, directly or indirectly, with any other Proponent or Proponent Team Member or contractor, subcontractor, director, officer, employee, consultant, advisor, representative or agent, or any other persons associated with any of them of such other Proponent, regarding the preparation, content or representation of their Proposals or any other aspect of the Competitive Selection Process. Each Proponent is to ensure

that its Proposal has been prepared and submitted without collusion or fraud and in fair competition with other Proponents and Proponent Teams. Proposals will be submitted without any connection, including a connection arising solely through shareholdings or other equity interests in or of a Proponent or Proponent Team Member, knowledge, comparison of information, or arrangement, with any other Proponent or any director, officer, employee, consultant, advisor, agent, or representative of any other Proponent, including any Proponent Team Member of such other Proponent.

## **5.9 No Lobbying**

Proponents are to ensure that they and their respective Proponent Team Members, and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, will not in relation to the Project, this RFP, the Draft Design-Build Agreement, the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, the Design-Build Agreement, or the Competitive Selection Process, engage in any form of political or other lobbying whatsoever, and will not except as expressly contemplated by this RFP attempt to communicate in relation to any of these matters, directly or indirectly, with any representative of the Province, BCTFA, Infrastructure BC, including any minister or deputy minister of the Province, any member of the Executive Council of the B.C. Government, any members of the Legislative Assembly, any Restricted Parties, or any director, officer, employee, consultant, advisor, representative or agent of any of the foregoing, as applicable, for any purpose whatsoever, including for purposes of:

- a) commenting on or attempting to influence views on the merits of the Proponent's Proposal, or in relation to Proposals of other Proponents;
- b) influencing, or attempting to influence, the outcome of this RFP stage, or of the Competitive Selection Process, including the review, evaluation, and ranking of Proposals, the selection of the Preferred Proponent, or any negotiations with the Preferred Proponent;
- c) promoting the Proponent or its interests in the Project, including in preference to that of other Proponents;
- d) commenting on or criticizing aspects of this RFP, the Competitive Selection Process, the Project, the Design-Build Agreement including in a manner which may give the Proponent a competitive or other advantage over other Proponents; and
- e) criticizing the Proposals of other Proponents.



## 5.10 Disclosure

The following information has been or will be publicly disclosed at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation-projects/fraser-valley-highway1/264tohighway11> and/or at [www.infrastructurebc.com](http://www.infrastructurebc.com):

- a) the Request for Qualifications; and
- b) the names of the Shortlisted Respondents.

Additional information that may be publicly disclosed, subject to government policy and FOIPPA, by posting it at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation-projects/fraser-valley-highway1/264tohighway11> and/or at [www.infrastructurebc.com](http://www.infrastructurebc.com) includes:

- a) Volume 1 of this RFP; and
- b) the name of a Preferred Proponent.

The Draft Design-Build Agreement is confidential and not intended to be made publicly available unless otherwise required by government policy or Law. The Design-Build Agreement, excluding those portions that may be severed pursuant to the FOIPPA, will be disclosed publicly following the Effective Date.

## 5.11 Changes to Proponent Team Members

If for any reason a Proponent wishes to make or requires to add, remove or otherwise change a Proponent Team or a Proponent Team Member, or there is a material change in ownership or control (which includes the ability to direct or cause the direction of management actions or policies of a member) of a Proponent Team Member, or there is a change to the legal relationship among any or all of the Proponent and its Proponent Team Members, then the Proponent will submit a written request to the Province for approval of the change.

The Proponent will include in such written request the reason for the proposed change, a comprehensive description of the proposed change, the full legal name(s) of the person(s) affected by or involved with the proposed change, together with a clear and concise description of the legal nature and status of such person(s), sufficient to correctly and fully legally describe the persons affected by or involved with the proposed change, and sufficient information and documentation, including as to suitability, knowledge, skills, resources, experience, qualifications and abilities of the individuals or entities involved in the proposed change to demonstrate that the proposed change, if

permitted, would result in the Proponent and the Proponent Team Members, considered as a whole and considered separately, meeting or exceeding, in the sole opinion of the Province, the suitability, qualifications, experience, and abilities of the Proponent, and the Proponent Team Members considered as a whole before the proposed change and further, in the case of a change of a Key Individual, that the replacement Key Individual meets all applicable requirements for such Key Individual as set out in the Design-Build Agreement and/or this RFP. The Proponent will provide such further information and documentation as the Province may request, at the Province's discretion, for the purpose of considering any such request, and any such additional information and documentation, including the request for a proposed change, which may at the Province's discretion, be included in the evaluation of the Proponent's Proposal.

The Province may, at its discretion, by written notice refuse or permit the proposed change. Any permission of the Province may be on such terms and conditions as the Province may consider appropriate in its sole discretion. Any change to a Proponent Team Member that results in any additional person becoming an entity comprised in any Proponent Team Member, or where any additional person is an entity comprised in any additional persons specified by the Province at its discretion under this RFP as being included in the Proponent Team, in each case subsequent to the execution and delivery of the Proponent Agreement will be required to execute and deliver to the Province an agreement, in form and content satisfactory to the Province in its sole discretion, to be bound by the terms of the Proponent Agreement in the same manner and with the same effect as if such person had been an original signatory to the Proponent Agreement.

The Proponent will immediately notify the Province if, after submission of any component of the Proposal a material change in circumstances, including a change, occurs which may adversely affect a Proponent's ability to enter into or perform the Design-Build Agreement including any aspects of the Project Work.

Such a change may not automatically render a Proponent ineligible so as to be disqualified from the Competitive Selection Process. The Province's decision at its discretion as to whether or not to disqualify a Proponent as a result of such a change will be final and binding.

## **5.12 Relationship Disclosure and Review Process**

The Province reserves the right to disqualify, at its discretion, any Proponent, that at the Province's opinion has an actual or perceived conflict of interest or unfair advantage or

has a relationship that has the potential for creating an actual or perceived conflict of interest or unfair advantage, whether existing now or likely to arise in the future, or may permit the Proponent to continue and impose such condition as the Province may consider to be in the public interest or otherwise, as required by the Province.

Each Proponent will, by written notice addressed to the Contact Person, promptly after becoming aware of any such relationship, whether before or after delivery of the Technical Submittal or the Financial Submittal, fully disclose all relationships that the Proponent or any of its Proponent Team Members has or may have, with the Province, or any agency, authority, board, tribunal, commission or department of the Province, BCTFA, Infrastructure BC, any Restricted Party or any other person providing advice or services to the Province with respect to the Project and all relationships of which it or any of its Proponent Team Members is aware between any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them with the Province or any agency, authority, board, tribunal, commission or department of the Province, BCTFA, Infrastructure BC, any Restricted Party or any other person providing advice or services to the Province with respect to the Project that constitutes an actual or perceived conflict of interest or unfair advantage or has the potential for creating an actual or perceived conflict of interest or unfair advantage.

At the time of disclosure of any relationship under this Section 5.12, the Proponent will include sufficient information and documentation to demonstrate that appropriate measures have been or will be implemented to mitigate, minimize or eliminate any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest or unfair advantage, as applicable. The Proponent will provide such additional information and documentation and may be required to implement such additional measures as the Province may require at its discretion in connection with the Province's consideration of the disclosed relationship and proposed measures.

The Relationship Review Process Description is posted in the Data Room.

## **5.13 Relationships**

### **5.13.1 Restricted Parties**

At the RFP stage, and without limiting the definition of Restricted Parties, the Province has identified the following persons as Restricted Parties:

- 3D Geomatics Inc.



- Al Knight
- Associated Engineering Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Atkins Realis (Certain individuals only)
- BKL Consulting Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Bale Project Consulting
- Boughton Law Corporation
- Charter Project Delivery Inc.
- COWI North America, Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Deloitte
- DMD & Associates Electrical Consultants Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Elevation Technical Services
- Farris LLP
- Frank Margitan
- GHD Group Pty Ltd.
- Gilmour Infrastructure Consulting
- Great Northern Engineering Consultants Inc.
- Hatch Ltd.
- Hyde Project Management Services
- ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Iterum Law Corp
- Izett Engineering Ltd.
- J. Buckle Consulting Ltd.

- McElhanney Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Neon Consulting Ltd.
- Parsons Inc. (Certain individuals only)
- PBX Engineering Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Proactive Infrastructure Consulting Inc.
- Seero Engineering Consulting Ltd.
- Stites Consulting Inc.
- Susan Hollingshead (UBC)
- Tetra Tech Inc.
- Thurber Engineering Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- Transcan Engineering Ltd.
- TY Lin International
- Urban Systems Ltd. (Certain individuals only)
- The Province, BCTFA or Infrastructure BC Inc, including their former and current employees who fall within the definition of Restricted Party.

This is not an exhaustive list of Restricted Parties. The Province may identify additional Restricted Parties, including by Addendum, to the list during the Competitive Selection Process.

There may be organizations not included in the above list that employ individual Restricted Parties where the organization and relevant individuals are subject to ethical protocols and safeguards to address potential conflict of interest or unfair advantage issues. Proponents are responsible for making appropriate enquiries with any organization or individual they intend to involve in the preparation of a Proposal.

Some of the organizations included in the above list are considered to be “Free of Restrictions” except for certain individuals identified by the Province’s Relationship Review Committee as Restricted Parties. These organizations are eligible to participate

in the Project on behalf of a Respondent Team provided that they implement ethical barriers between restricted members of their organization and those who are unrestricted and confirm to the Relationship Review Committee that those ethical barriers are in place.

#### 5.13.2 Use or Inclusion of Restricted Parties

The Province may, at its discretion, disqualify any Proponent, or may permit a Proponent to continue and impose such conditions as the Province may consider to be in the public interest or otherwise required by the Province, if the Proponent, any of its Proponent Team Members, or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives and agents, and any other persons associated with any of them is a Restricted Party or if the Proponent, any of its Proponent Team Members or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives and agents, and any other persons associated with any of them uses, directly or indirectly, a Restricted Party:

- a) to advise or otherwise assist the Proponent respecting the Proponent's participation in the Competitive Selection Process; or
- b) as a Proponent Team Member or as an employee, advisor or consultant to the Proponent or a Proponent Team Member.

Each Proponent is responsible to ensure that, in connection with the Proponent's participation in the Competitive Selection Process, neither it nor any of its Proponent Team Members nor any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them is or includes or uses, consults or seeks advice, directly or indirectly, from any Restricted Party or includes any Restricted Party in the Proponent Team.

#### 5.13.3 Shared Use Persons

Shared Use Persons may enter into arrangements with any and all Proponents but may not enter into exclusive arrangements with any Proponent and a Proponent may not enter into exclusive arrangements with any Shared Use Person. Shared Use Persons include persons who have unique or specialized information or skills such that the



Province considers, at its discretion, their availability to all Proponents to be desirable in the interests of the Competitive Selection Process.

No Shared Use Persons have been identified, however, the Province may from time to time add persons to the list of Shared Use Persons.

#### 5.13.4 Conflict of Interest Adjudicator

Doug Hopkins has been appointed as the COI Adjudicator to provide rulings on conflicts of interest, unfair advantage, or exclusivity issues, including whether any person is a Restricted Party. The Province may, at its discretion, refer matters to the COI Adjudicator.

#### 5.13.5 Proponent Requests for Advance Rulings

A Proponent, current or prospective Proponent Team Member or a current or prospective advisor or consultant to a Proponent or Proponent Team Member who has any concerns regarding whether it or any of its current or prospective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives, or agents, is or may be a Restricted Party, or has a concern about a conflict of interest or unfair advantage it may have, is encouraged to request an advance ruling.

To request an advance ruling, the person seeking the ruling should submit to the Contact Person by email, all relevant information and documentation, including, the following information:

- a) the names and contact information of the Proponent and the person in respect of which the advance ruling is requested;
- b) a detailed description of the relationship that may constitute or give rise to an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest or unfair advantage;
- c) a description of the steps taken to date and future steps proposed to be taken to eliminate or mitigate the conflict of interest or unfair advantage; and
- d) copies of any relevant documentation.

The Province may make an advance ruling or may refer the request for an advance ruling to the COI Adjudicator. If the Province refers the request to the COI Adjudicator, the Province may make its own submission to the COI Adjudicator.

If a Proponent or current or prospective Proponent Team Member or advisor or consultant is identified as a Restricted Party, it may be listed in an Addendum to this RFP or in subsequent Competitive Selection Process documents as a Restricted Party.

#### 5.13.6 Province Requests for Advance Rulings

The Province may also independently make advance rulings or may seek advance rulings from the COI Adjudicator, where the Province identifies a potential or perceived conflict of interest, unfair advantage or a person who may be a Restricted Party. The Province will, if it seeks an advance ruling from the COI Adjudicator, provide the COI Adjudicator with relevant information in its possession. If the Province seeks an advance ruling from the COI Adjudicator, the Province will give notice to the Proponent and may give notice to the possible Restricted Party so that it may make its own submission to the COI Adjudicator.

#### 5.13.7 Decisions Final and Binding

The decision of the Province or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, is final and binding on the persons requesting the ruling and all other parties including Proponents, Proponent Team Members, and the Province. The Province or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, has the discretion to establish the relevant processes from time to time, including any circumstances in which a decision may be amended or supplemented.

The Province may provide any decision by the Province or the COI Adjudicator regarding conflicts of interest to all Proponents, if the Province, at its discretion, determines that the decision is of general application.

#### 5.13.8 Exclusivity

Unless permitted by the Province, at its discretion, or permitted as a Shared Use person, each Proponent will ensure that no Proponent Team or Proponent Team Member, or any Affiliated Person of any member of its Proponent Team, participates as a member of any other Proponent Team.

If the Proponent contravenes the foregoing, the Province reserves the right to disqualify the Proponent, or to permit the Proponent to continue and impose such conditions as

may be required by the Province. Each Proponent is responsible, and bears the onus, to ensure that the Proponent, the Proponent Team and each Proponent Team Member, and their respective Affiliated Persons do not contravene the foregoing.

A Proponent or a prospective Proponent Team member who has any concerns regarding whether participation does, or will, contravene the foregoing is encouraged to request an advance ruling. To request an advance ruling on matters related to exclusivity, the Proponent or prospective Proponent Team member should submit to the Contact Person, the following information:

- a) names and contact information of the Proponent or prospective Proponent Team member making the disclosure;
- b) a detailed description of the relationship that raises the possibility of non-exclusivity;
- c) a detailed description of the steps taken to date, and future steps proposed to be taken, to mitigate any material adverse or potential material adverse effect of the non-exclusivity on the competitiveness or integrity of the Competitive Selection Process; and
- d) copies of any relevant documentation.

The Province may require additional information or documentation to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Province at its discretion that no such non-exclusivity exists or, if it does, that measures satisfactory to the Province at its discretion have been or will be implemented to eliminate or mitigate any risk to the competitiveness or integrity of the Competitive Selection Process.

#### 5.13.8.1 Exclusivity – The Province May Request Advance Rulings

The Province may also independently make advance rulings or may seek an advance ruling from the COI Adjudicator, where the Province identifies a matter related to exclusivity. The Province will, if it seeks an advance ruling from the COI Adjudicator, provide the COI Adjudicator with relevant information in its possession. If the Province seeks an advance ruling from the COI Adjudicator, the Province will give notice to the Proponent so that it may make its own response to the COI Adjudicator.

The onus is on the Proponent to clear any matter related to exclusivity or to establish any conditions for continued participation, and the Province may require that the Proponent make an application under Section 5.13.8 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

#### 5.13.8.2 Exclusivity – Rulings Final and Binding

The decision of the Province or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, is final and binding on the persons requesting the ruling and all other parties including the Proponent, Proponent Team, Proponent Team Members, and the Province, as applicable. The Province or the COI Adjudicator, as applicable, has discretion to establish the relevant processes from time to time, including any circumstance in which a decision may be amended or supplemented.

The Province may provide any decision by the Province or the COI Adjudicator regarding matters related to exclusivity to all Proponents if the Province, at its discretion, determines that the decision is of general application.

### 5.14 Delivery and Receipt

Proponents are solely responsible for ensuring that they have received the complete RFP. By submitting a Proposal, each Proponent represents that the Proponent has verified receipt of a complete RFP, has understood the complete RFP, and delivers the Proposal on the basis of the complete RFP, including all Addenda.

Neither the Province, nor any of the Representatives will be in any way responsible or liable for or make any guarantee, warranty, or representation whatsoever as to:

- a) the timely, complete, effective, condition (including security) upon delivery, or receipt of any, communication, enquiry, response, information, or other documentation, including this RFP, or any and all Addenda, any part of a Proposal, or any amendments to any part of a Proposal, from or by any person, including a Proponent or the Province, whether by email, by courier, by hand, or by facsimile; or
- b) the working order, functioning with or without errors or interruptions, or malfunctioning, or capacity of any facsimile transmission equipment or electronic email or information system, including the Data Room or any notices in respect of the Data Room.

All permitted email communications or delivery of documents relating to this RFP will be deemed to have been received by the Province on the dates and times indicated on the Province's electronic equipment.

Each part of this RFP, any and all Addenda and any other communications, responses or other documentation delivered by or on behalf of the Province will be deemed validly delivered to and received by the intended recipient, including any Proponent, at the time that this RFP, such Addenda, communications, responses or other documentation, as the case may be, is issued by electronic email to the email address designated by the Proponent as the sole email address for receipt of information in connection with this RFP.

### **5.15 Proponent Team Members and Subcontractors**

Proponents are responsible for ensuring that their Proponent Team Members and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them observe the terms of this RFP.

### **5.16 No Reliance**

Neither the Province nor any of the Representatives makes any representation, warranty, guarantee or endorsement, or has any liability, obligation or responsibility whatsoever in contract, tort or otherwise, with respect to the scope, quality, timeliness, accuracy, reliability, appropriateness, sufficiency, relevance or completeness of any Information or any statements, representations, assurances, commitments, or agreements which Proponents believe they may have received or reached with any stakeholders, interested parties, or other persons.

Without limiting the foregoing, any Factual Geotechnical Data provided by or on behalf of the Province, reflect only the observations which were made at the specific locations described and at the specific times recorded, and may not be representative or indicative of anticipated or actual conditions encountered either at specific locations or immediately adjacent thereto, or, at any other times.

No actions or omissions, communications or responses, including Information, statements, opinions, comments, consents, waivers, acceptance or approvals made or raised by or on behalf of the Province or any of the Representatives, any Proponent or its respective Proponent Team Members or their respective contractors, subcontractors,

directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, or any other person, whether positive or negative, including if set out in any document or information provided by any Proponent or its respective Proponent Team Members or their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, in relation to any matter, including the Competitive Selection Process, this RFP, the Draft Design-Build Agreement, the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, the Design-Build Agreement, Project Requirements or the Project, at any time or times during the Competitive Selection Process, including during this RFP stage or during or before any Workshop or Topic Meeting, will be binding on the Province or be relied upon in any way by the Proponent, or the Proponent Team Members or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them for any purpose whatsoever; be deemed or considered to be an indication of a preference by the Province or any Representative even if adopted by the Proponent or another of the Proponents, or will amend or waive any term of this RFP in any way for any purpose whatsoever, unless and only to the extent expressly incorporated by Addendum, or expressly set out in a Response to Proponents issued by the Province to the Proponents.

By submitting a Proposal, each Proponent represents and warrants to the Province that its Proposal has been prepared, relies and has been submitted solely on investigations, examinations, knowledge, analyses, interpretation, information, opinions, conclusions, judgments, and assessments independently undertaken, formulated, obtained, and verified by the Proponent, its Proponent Team Members and their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, and any other persons associated with any of them, and not in any way upon any action or omission, the scope, timeliness, accuracy, completeness, relevance, or suitability of any Information.

Nothing in this RFP or otherwise relieves Proponents from undertaking their own investigations and examinations, including as they consider necessary, desirable, beneficial, or appropriate, and developing their own analysis, interpretations, opinions and conclusions, including in respect of any Factual Geotechnical Data, bore hole logs and test pit logs provided by or on behalf of the Province, with respect to the preparation and delivery of their Proposals, and with respect to this RFP, the Draft Design-Build

Agreement, the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, the Design-Build Agreement, Project Requirements and the Project.

Any and all use of or reliance upon, in any way whatsoever, any Information, including as described in this Section 5.16 or any statements, representations, assurances, commitments or agreements which Proponents believe they may have received or reached with any stakeholders, interested parties, or other persons will be at their sole risk and without recourse of any kind whatsoever against the Province or any of the Representatives.

### **5.17 No Liability**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this RFP, neither the Province nor the Representatives will have any responsibility, obligation or liability whatsoever whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for or in respect of any Claims by any person, including any Proponent, Proponent Team Member, prospective member of a Proponent Team or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other persons associated with any of them, for any matter whatsoever arising out of, in connection with, or relating in any way to the Competitive Selection Process, or any part of the Competitive Selection Process, including this RFP, matters or issues contemplated or considered in the opinion of the Fairness Reviewer, any Proponent or Proponents, the Proposal or any Proposal, any Shared Use Person or arrangements involving a Shared Use Person, any use of or reliance on the Restricted Parties list, any identification of or failure to identify, in a timely manner or at all, any person as a Restricted Party, any ruling or advice of or failure to provide a ruling or advice, in a timely manner or at all, of the COI Adjudicator.

### **5.18 Dispute Resolution**

The Proponent Representative will, within 14 days of any dispute arising in any way in connection with this RFP, submit written notice to the Contact Person of such dispute.

All such disputes for which proper notice has been given to the Contact Person, that are not resolved through negotiation between the Province and the Proponent within 60 days of the date of the written notice of the dispute, may by mutual agreement be referred to and finally resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act (British Columbia). This RFP stage and the Competitive Selection Process will continue despite any such ongoing dispute resolution.



## 6 Interpretation

References to this RFP, the Design-Build Agreement, or to the documents which make up the appendices or schedules to this RFP, the Design-Build Agreement, or to any part of those documents, refer to the most current version of those documents, including all modifications, amendments, and Addenda thereto made and issued by the Province to Proponents.

The headings, captions and formatting of this RFP are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not form a part of this RFP, and in no way define, limit, alter or enlarge the scope or meaning of any provision of this RFP.

As used in this RFP, words imputing any gender includes all genders, as the context requires and is used as a reference term only and unless the context otherwise indicates to the contrary, the singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular.

All monetary amounts referred to in this RFP are to lawful currency of Canada.

References to “herein”, “hereunder”, “hereof” and similar terms, unless otherwise expressly provided, refer to this RFP as a whole and not to any article, section, subsection, or other subdivision of this RFP.

References to a section, article or a paragraph in this RFP is a reference to the whole of the section, article or paragraph in this RFP, and references to a section, article, paragraph, or other part by number is a reference to the section, article, paragraph, or other part, as applicable.

References to a schedule, an appendix or volume by number in this RFP or in an appendix or volume to this RFP refers to an appendix or volume, as applicable, of this RFP unless the context otherwise expressly indicates.

Each schedule, appendix and volume attached to this RFP is an integral part of this RFP as if set out at length in the body of this RFP.

References in this RFP to a statute whether or not that statute is defined, means a statute of the Province of British Columbia, unless otherwise stated.



References in this RFP to any statute, statutory provision, regulation, bylaws, or code include any statute, statutory provision, regulation, bylaw, or code which amends, extends, consolidates, or replaces the same or which has been amended, extended, consolidated, or replaced by the same and include any orders, regulations, by-laws, ordinances, codes of practice, instruments or other subordinate legislation made under the relevant statute or regulation.

In this RFP, the words “include”, “includes”, “including” and others of like import, when following any general term or statement, are not to be construed as limiting the general term or statement to the specific items or matters set forth or to similar items or matters, but rather as permitting the general term or statement to refer to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of the general term or statement.

References in this RFP to “in the opinion of the Province”, “at the discretion of”, “at its discretion”, “in the discretion of the Province”, “at the Province’s discretion”, “in the sole opinion of the Province”, “the exercise by the Province of any right, power or remedy” or similar words or phrases when used in respect of the Province will be interpreted to mean the sole, absolute and unfettered, including unfettered by any implied or express duties of good faith or of fairness, discretion, opinion or exercise, as the case may be, of the Province.

References in this RFP to the Province entering into the Design-Build Agreement, to the Province not entering into the Design-Build Agreement, to the Province proceeding with any part or parts of the Project or the Project Work, to the Province contracting with any person, including as contemplated in Section 5.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP, will be interpreted to include the Province alone or the Province together with BCTFA entering into the Design-Build Agreement, not entering into the Design-Build Agreement, proceeding with any part or parts of the Project or the Project Work, contracting with any person, including as contemplated in Section 5.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

This RFP may be subject to the terms of one or more trade agreements.



## 7 Definitions

In this RFP, unless the context otherwise expressly requires,

- a) the following definitions apply to the following terms; and
- b) any other capitalized term has the meaning given to that term in the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.

**“Acceptable Equivalent”** has the meaning given to it in Section 2.2.7 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Addenda”** or **“Addendum”** means a written document specifically identified as an “Addendum” and issued by the Province to amend this RFP.

**“Affiliated Persons”**, are:

- a) a corporation and
  - i. a person by whom the corporation is controlled,
  - ii. each member of an affiliated group of persons by which the corporation is controlled, and
  - iii. a spouse or common-law partner of a person described in subparagraph i) or ii);
- b) two corporations, if
  - i. each corporation is controlled by a person, and the person by whom one corporation is controlled is affiliated with the person by whom the other corporation is controlled,
  - ii. one corporation is controlled by a person, the other corporation is controlled by a group of persons, and each member of that group is affiliated with that person, or
  - iii. each corporation is controlled by a group of persons, and each member of each group is affiliated with at least one member of the other group;

- c) a corporation and a partnership, if the corporation is controlled by a particular group of persons each member of which is affiliated with at least one member of a majority-interest group of partners of the partnership, and each member of that majority-interest group is affiliated with at least one member of the particular group;
- d) a partnership and a majority-interest partner of the partnership;
- e) two partnerships, if
  - i. the same person is a majority-interest partner of both partnerships,
  - ii. a majority-interest partner of one partnership is affiliated with each member of a majority interest group of partners of the other partnership, or
  - iii. each member of a majority-interest group of partners of each partnership is affiliated with at least one member of a majority-interest group of partners of the other partnership;
- f) a person and a trust, if the person
  - i. is a majority-interest beneficiary of the trust, or
  - ii. would, if this subsection were read without reference to this paragraph, be affiliated with a majority-interest beneficiary of the trust; and
- g) two trusts, if a contributor to one of the trusts is affiliated with a contributor to the other trust and
  - i. a majority-interest beneficiary of one of the trusts is affiliated with a majority-interest
  - ii. beneficiary of the other trust,
  - iii. a majority-interest beneficiary of one of the trusts is affiliated with each member of a majority interest group of beneficiaries of the other trust, or
  - iv. each member of a majority-interest group of beneficiaries of each of the trusts is affiliated with at least one member of a majority-interest group of beneficiaries of the other trust.

**“Affordability Requirement”** has the meaning set out in Section 3.1 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Background IP”** means Incorporated IP that is owned by or exclusively licensed to a person that is related to, or is an Affiliate of, any Proponent Team Member or any other firm, individual or entity involved in the Project.

**“BCTFA”** means BC Transportation Financing Authority, a corporation continued under the *Transportation Act* (British Columbia).

**“Claims”** includes claims, actions, proceedings, causes of action, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, warranties, claims over, indemnities, covenants, contracts, losses (including direct and consequential losses), damages, remuneration, compensation, costs, expenses, grievances, executions, judgments, obligations, liabilities (including those relating to or arising out of loss of opportunity or loss of anticipated profit), rights and demands whatsoever, whether actual, pending, contingent or potential, whether express or implied, whether present or future and whether known or unknown, and all related costs and expenses, including legal fees on a full indemnity basis, howsoever arising, including pursuant to law, equity, contract, tort, statutory or common law duty, or to any actual or implied duty of good faith or actual or implied duty of fairness, or otherwise.

**“Competitive Selection Process”** means

- a) the procurement process for the Project and any part or phase or phases of the procurement process, and includes this RFP and the RFQ, the Proponent Agreement, any and all processes relating to the RFQ and this RFP, the Workshops, Topic Meetings, any additional meetings, and any consultations, meetings and participation relating to or arising from any of the Workshops, Topic Meetings or additional meetings, other consultative and facilitative/facilitated processes, relationship review processes, including processes conducted and reports, determinations, rulings, assessments and opinions issued by the Fairness Reviewer or the COI Adjudicator, or by the Province or committees of the Province pursuant to any relationship review process policies referenced in the RFQ or this RFP, processes and decisions and determinations made with respect to changes, and the consultations, discussions,

negotiations, closings and settling of agreements and documents relating to the Project; and

- b) activities, participation, continued participation, waivers, evaluation, inclusion, exclusion, disqualification, determinations, opinions, rulings, reports, comments, advice, notices including notices of ineligibility, and decisions, including rejection or acceptance of any responses, submissions, information, documents, Qualification Responses, Proposals, Conforming Proposal or any other proposals, whether they, or any of them, substantially satisfy the requirements of this RFP or otherwise,
- c) involving the Province, the COI Adjudicator, the Fairness Reviewer, any relationship review committee of the Province, a Proponent, any Proponent Team Member, any or all the Proponents or Proponent Team Members, or any of their respective contractors, subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, consultants, advisors, representatives or agents, or any other person, in connection with the matters described in subsections (a) and (b) of this definition.

**“Complete License”** means, in respect of any Intellectual Property or Intellectual Property Rights to which the Complete License applies (the **“Licensed Property”**), a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, fully-paid, sub-licensable, transferable and assignable license or sub-license (if applicable), by written instrument in form and content satisfactory to the Province in its sole discretion, for the Province and its employees, agents, contractors, consultants, advisors, sub-licensees, successors and assigns to do any one or more of the following:

- a) reproduce, make Modifications to, create derivative works from, distribute, publicly perform, publicly display, disclose, communicate by telecommunication, translate and otherwise use the Licensed Property in any medium or format, whether now known or hereafter devised;
- b) use, make, have made, sell, offer to sell, import and otherwise exploit any product or service based on, embodying, incorporating or derived from the Licensed Property; and
- c) exercise any and all other past, present or future rights in and to the Licensed Property.

**“Confidentiality Conditions”** means the confidentiality conditions attached as Schedule 1 to the Proponent Agreement.

**“Confidential Information”** has the meaning given to it in the Confidentiality Conditions.

**“Conflict of Interest Adjudicator”** or **“COI Adjudicator”** has the meaning set out in Section 5.13.4 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Conforming Proposal”** means a Proposal designated by the Province under this RFP as having substantially satisfied or exceeded the requirements set out in this RFP.

**“Construction Firm”** means the (entity or entities) engaged by the Design-Builder to have primary responsibility for carrying out the construction of the Project, as described in the Proponent’s Qualification Response and as may have been changed pursuant to the RFQ or as may be changed pursuant to this RFP.

**“Construction Manager”** means the individual proposed by the Proponent to be responsible for management and coordination of all Project construction issues and activities, as identified in the Proponent’s Qualification Response as the construction manager, as may have been changed in accordance with the RFQ or as may be changed pursuant to this RFP.

**“Contact Person”** means the contact at the e-mail address Hwy11.interchange@gov.bc.ca as may be amended from time to time by the Province in accordance with this RFP.

**“Contract Price Proposal”** means the Contract Price proposed by the Proponent in Form 3 of their Financial Submittal.

**“Data Room”** has the meaning set out in Section 4.3.

**“Data Room Terms of Access”** means the Data Room terms of access identified as such on the main page of the Data Room.

**“Definitive Design-Build Agreement”** means the final draft form of the Design-Build Agreement, as revised and amended from time to time by subsequent Addenda issued in accordance with this RFP.



**“Design-Build Agreement” or “DBA”** means:

- a) the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, as may be changed, modified or added to in accordance with this RFP; and
- b) after execution, the agreement or agreements, as the case may be, executed and delivered by the Province and the Design-Builder for the delivery of the Project.

**“Design-Builder”** means the entity that enters into the Design-Build Agreement with the Province and who has direct responsibility to design and build the Project, as identified in the Proponent’s Qualification Response and as may have been changed pursuant to the RFQ or as may be changed pursuant to this RFP.

**“Design-Builder Guarantor”** means an entity providing financial and/or performance support to the Design-Builder, or a member of the Design-Builder, by way of a guarantee of commitment to support the participation by the Design-Builder, or a member of the Design-Builder, in the Competitive Selection Process and/or the Project.

**“Design Firm”** means the entity or entities engaged by the Design-Builder to have primary responsibility for carrying out the design of the Project, as in the Proponent’s Qualification Response and as may have been changed pursuant to the RFQ or as may be changed pursuant to this RFP.

**“Design Manager”** means the individual proposed by the Proponent to be responsible for management and coordination of all Project design issues and activities, as identified in the Proponent’s Qualification Response as the Design Manager, as may have been changed in accordance with the RFQ or as may be changed pursuant to this RFP.

**“Draft Design-Build Agreement”** means the draft form of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement issued as Volume 2 to this RFP, as revised and amended from time to time by Addenda issued in accordance with this RFP.

**“Fairness Reviewer”** has the meaning set out in Section 3.11 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Financial Submittal”** has the meaning set out in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP.



**“Financial Submittal Deadline”** means the date and time specified as specified on the Summary of Key Information of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“FOIPPA”** means the *Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act* (British Columbia).

**“Gender-Based Analysis Plus”** or **“GBA+”** has the meaning described in Section 2.9 of this RFP.

**“Incorporated IP”** means Intellectual Property that is embedded in or used in connection with the Work Product, or in the preparation or development of the Work Product or necessary or desirable to implement, operate or exploit the Work Product, but which does not otherwise form part of the Work Product, provided that it is specifically set out in the List of Non-Work Product IP.

**“Infrastructure BC”** means Infrastructure BC Inc.

**“Intellectual Property”** means, without limitation, all algorithms, application programming interfaces (APIs), apparatus, circuit designs and assemblies, concepts, data, databases and data collections, designs, diagrams, documentation, drawings, equipment designs, flow charts, formulae, ideas and inventions (whether or not patentable or reduced to practice) and patents and applications therefor and the right to apply for patents thereon, IP cores, know-how, materials, marks (including registered and unregistered trade-marks, official marks, brand names, product names, logos, and slogans), methods, models, net lists, network configurations and architectures, procedures, processes, protocols, schematics, semiconductor devices, software code (in any form including source code and executable or object code), specifications, subroutines, techniques, test vectors, tools, uniform resource identifiers, including uniform resource locators (URLs), user interfaces, web sites, works of authorship, and other forms of technology.

**“Intellectual Property Rights”** means all past, present and future rights, whether registered or unregistered, that currently exist or may be created under the laws of any jurisdiction in the world in respect of any Intellectual Property in any medium or format, whether now known or hereafter devised.

**“Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location”** means Suite 1220, 800 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1J8 Attention: Pam Kaur.





**“Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline”** means the date and time specified as specified on the Summary of Key Information of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Key Individuals”** means specific persons, exclusive to one Proponent, including the Project Manager, the Design Manager, and the Construction Manager as such persons may be changed in accordance with and subject to the permission of the Province pursuant to this RFP.

**“Limited License”** means a license for the Permitted Use in respect of any Third Party IP which, due to the specialized and proprietary nature of that Third Party IP, cannot be provided by way of a Complete License and therefore has more restrictive terms than a Complete License.

**“Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement”** or **“LNTP”** means the form of agreement set out in Form 11 of Volume 3 to this RFP.

**“List of Non-Work Product IP”** means the list that specifically identifies, categorizes and describes Background IP and Third Party IP, as such list is described in Section 3.7.5.2 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Modifications”** mean, in respect of any Intellectual Property or other property, all modifications, including any alterations, changes, deletions, amendments, upgrades, updates, enhancements, revisions or improvements.

**“Notice of Continued Status”** has the meaning set out in Section 3.8.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Permitted Use”** means in connection with the Design-Build Agreement, the Project or otherwise in connection with any one or more of the current or future development, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, modification, alteration, adaptation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, improvement, expansion, extension, financing or regulation (including with respect to the contemplation, procurement or undertaking of any such activities by the Province or any third parties) of all or any part or parts of the Project, including the lands and infrastructure comprising or anticipated to comprise the Project, and/or the carrying out of any statutory, public or other duties or functions in respect of any of the foregoing.

**“Preferred Proponent”** means the Proponent who has delivered the Preferred Proponent Security Deposit and has been selected by the Province pursuant to this RFP to finalize the Design-Build Agreement.

**“Preferred Proponent Security Deposit”** means the sum of \$10 million by way of an irrevocable letter of credit in the form set out as Form 7 of Volume 3 of this RFP or otherwise in form and content acceptable to the Province in its sole discretion.

**“Project Manager”** means the individual proposed by the Proponent to be responsible for leading the Design-Builder through the term of the Design-Build Agreement, as identified in the Proponent’s Qualification Response and as may have been changed in accordance with the RFQ or as may be changed in accordance with this RFP.

**“Proponent”** means a Shortlisted Respondent and, in the case of a partnership (general or limited) or a consortium or joint venture, includes each of the partners (general or limited) in the partnership and each of the entities comprising the consortium or joint venture, as the case may be, in each case as such entity may be changed from time to time in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Proponent Agreement”** means the agreement relating to the Competitive Selection Process substantially in the form attached to the RFQ, to be executed and delivered by the Proponent and each of the Proponent Team Members.

**“Proponent Representative”** means, for a Proponent, the person who under the RFQ for such Proponent was the “Respondent Representative” (as such term is used in the RFQ), as such person may be changed from time to time by the Proponent by written notice to the Province, and who is fully authorized to represent the Proponent in any and all matters related to this RFP.

**“Proponent Team Member”** means, in the case of each Proponent, that Proponent and the Proponent’s Key Individuals, Design-Builder, Design Firm and Construction Firm, and any Design-Builder Guarantor, as identified in the Proponent’s RFQ Response and as may have been changed pursuant to the RFQ or as may be changed or augmented pursuant to this RFP.

**“Proponent Team Member”** means a member of a Proponent Team as identified in the Proponent’s RFQ Response and as may have been changed pursuant to the RFQ or as may be changed pursuant to this RFP.

**“Proposal”** means the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, the Technical Submittal, and the Financial Submittal submitted by a Proponent in accordance with this RFP.

**“Proposal Validity Period”** has the meaning set out in Section 3.8.8.

**“Province”** means His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia as represented by the Minister of Transportation and Transit.

**“Qualification Response”** has the meaning given to “Response” in the RFQ.

**“RFP Title”** means **“RFP - Highway 11 Interchange Project”** as specified on the Summary of Key Information as it may be amended from time to time by the Province in accordance with this RFP.

**“Ranking Process”** means the process described under the heading “Ranking Process” in Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Reference Concept”** means the reference concept design posted in the Data Room.

**“Relationship Review Process Description”** means the Relationship Review Process Description for Major Projects and Alternative Procurement posted in the Data Room.

**“Releasees”** means and includes each of the Province, BCTFA, Infrastructure BC, the Fairness Reviewer, the COI Adjudicator, and each of their respective directors, officers, representatives, any of their elected officials, including members of the Executive Council, managers, employees, consultants, contractors, advisors and agents and successors and assigns.

**“Representatives”** means BCTFA, Infrastructure BC, the Fairness Reviewer, the COI Adjudicator, or any of their or the Province’s respective elected officials, directors, officers, employees, servants, representatives, agents, consultants, and advisors, and includes members of the Executive Council.

**“Request for Information”** or **“RFI”** means a request for information in the form attached as Appendix to Volume 1 of this RFP.



**“Request for Proposals” or “RFP”** means this Request for Proposals including all volumes, appendices, and Addenda.

**“Request for Qualifications” or “RFQ”** means the Request for Qualifications issued by the Province on September 9, 2024, titled “RFQ – Highway 11 Interchange Project”, including all “Addenda” thereto as defined in the RFQ.

**“Respondent”** has the meaning given to it in the RFQ.

**“Respondent Team”** has the meaning given to it in the RFQ.

**“Response to Proponents”** is a written document specifically identified as a “Response to Proponents”.

**“Restricted Party”** means those persons (including their former and current employees) who had, or currently have, participation or involvement in the Competitive Selection Process or the design, planning or implementation of the Project, and who may provide a material unfair advantage or confidential information to any Proponent that is not, or would not reasonably be expected to be, available to other Proponents.

**“Shared Use Persons”** has the meaning set out in Section 5.13.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Shortlisted Respondents”** means the Respondents listed in Section 1.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Stipend”** means the sum of \$1,500,000 inclusive of GST, PST, and any and all other applicable taxes.

**“Stipend Invoice”** means the invoice referenced in Section 3.13 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Submission Location”** means Suite 1220, 800 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1J8 Attention: Contact Person.

**“Summary of Key Information”** means the table named “Summary of Key Information” set out at the beginning of this RFP.

**“Technical Submittal”** has the meaning set out in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP.



**“Technical Submittal Deadline”** means the date and time specified as specified on the Summary of Key Information of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Termination Fee”** means:

- a) in respect of a Termination Notice that is delivered at any time after completion of the Workshops, an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000; or
- b) in respect of a Termination Notice that is delivered after the Financial Submittal Deadline, an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000;

in each case inclusive of GST, PST and any and all other applicable taxes, in respect of the actual and reasonable expenditures incurred by the Proponent up to the date of the Termination Notice to prepare its Conforming Proposal or Proposal, as applicable, as fully demonstrated in sufficient detail to the satisfaction of the Province with supporting documentation.

**“Termination Fee Invoice”** means the invoice referenced in Section 3.14 of Volume 1 of this RFP.

**“Termination Notice”** means a written notice designated as a “Termination Notice” and issued by the Province to the Proponents for the purpose of giving the Proponents notice of termination by the Province of the Competitive Selection Process.

**“Third Party”** means a person that is not related to, or is not an Affiliate of, any Proponent Team Member or any other firm, individual or entity involved in the Project.

**“Third Party IP”** means Incorporated IP that is owned by a Third Party and is specifically set out in the List of Non-Work Product IP.

**“Topic Meetings”** means the meetings described in Section 3.5 of Volume 1 of this RFP and “Topic Meeting” means any one of such meetings.

**“Work Product”** means:

- a) all Deliverables provided by a Proponent as part of the Competitive Selection Process;
- b) all Intellectual Property, in any stage of development, that is not Background IP or Third Party IP and that is or was conceived, created, authored, developed, reduced to practice, acquired or



otherwise obtained or provided on behalf of a Proponent pursuant to the RFP or otherwise in connection with such Proponent's Proposal, the Project, the Deliverables or as part of the Competitive Selection Process; and

- c) the electronic files for, and all tangible embodiments of, all Intellectual Property referred to in the above subsection (other than Background IP and Third Party IP), including computer-aided design and drafting and other electronic development, design, documentation and modelling files, drawings, renderings, models, presentations, prototypes, reports, samples, and summaries.

**“Workshops”** means the workshops described in Section 3.5 of Volume 1 of this RFP and “Workshop” means any one of such workshops.

# APPENDIX A RFP RESPONSE GUIDELINES

## 1. Response Guidelines to Proponent

This Appendix A and attachments describe the specific documentation that a Proponent is required to submit to satisfy the submittal requirements, and to demonstrate that they are capable of performing the responsibilities and obligations of the Design-Builder under the Design-Build Agreement. The Proponent's Proposal documents are to comprehensively address the requirements set out in this Appendix A and the Definitive Design-Build Agreement. Without limiting any other term of this RFP, including Section 5.4 of Volume 1 of this RFP, Proponents may provide additional information or supplemental material to clarify any Proposal item.

Proposals are to be presented in three submittals: an Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, a Technical Submittal and a Financial Submittal, which consist of the following packages, and each of which correspond to the outline in Section 3 of this Appendix A, and Section 4 of this Appendix A, respectively.

### Interim Financial Capacity Submittal

- a) Package 0: Financial Capacity

### Technical Submittal

- a) Package 1: Technical Submittal Transmittal
- b) Package 2: Design-Build Agreement Management
- c) Package 3: Implementation Schedules and Strategies
- d) Package 4: Scored Elements

### Financial Submittal

- a) Package 5: Financial Submittal Transmittal
- b) Package 6: Financial



## 2. Submittal Requirements

Proposals are to follow the delivery, format, and content requirements described in this Section 2, to facilitate consistency in Proposal review and evaluation and to facilitate consideration of each Proposal.

### 2.1 Language

Proposals are to be in English. Any portion of a Proposal not in English may not be evaluated.

### 2.2 Delivery

- a) The package comprising the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal must be received at the Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location before the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal Deadline.
- b) The packages comprising the Technical Submittal must be received at the Submission Location before the Technical Submittal Deadline.
- c) The packages comprising the Financial Submittal must be received at the Submission Location before the Financial Submittal Deadline.

### 2.3 Containers and Labeling

- a) Proposals are to be delivered in one or more containers clearly labeled with, in the case of the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, the “RFP Title” and “Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location” or, in the case of the Technical Submittal and the Financial Submittal, the “RFP Title”, “Contact Person”, and “Submission Location” all as shown on the RFP Summary of Key Information and with the Proponent’s name and mailing address.
- b) Each container is to be clearly labeled to identify the number of containers containing the Proposal, as “Number X of Y”, and to identify the package name and number contained therein.
- c) The Proponent is solely responsible for ensuring that all containers containing its Proposal are securely sealed and clearly labeled in accordance with this Appendix A.



## 2.4 Submission Format

### All Submittals

Text and tables should be on 8.5" x 11" pages with minimum 2 cm margins. Where practical, text should be 1.5 spaced and not smaller than 11-point typeface. Drawings submitted with the Technical Submittal should be in format no larger than 11" x 17" paper and legible. Schedules submitted with the Technical Submittal, as required by Table A-8 [Package 3 Content Requirements], Section 3.2 [Schedules], should be in format no larger than 11" x 17" paper and legible.

**Table A-1 Electronic File Formats**

File Type	Software Package
Text based document	Adobe PDF format (unprotected and searchable)
Spreadsheet based documents	Microsoft Excel (unprotected)
Graphic files	Adobe PDF format
Drawing files	AutoCAD and Adobe PDF format All drawings shall be in accordance with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Transit standards.

## **Interim Financial Capacity Submittal**

- a) Submit one (1) complete electronic copy on a USB flash drive of the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal in the format described in Table A-1.

Each USB flash drive is to be clearly labeled with the RFP Title, the name of the Proponent.

## **Technical Submittal**

- a) Submit one (1) complete master electronic copy on a USB flash drive(s) of the Technical Submittal in the format described in Table A-1, in the following file and directory structure:

- (i) Package 1
- (ii) Package 2
- (iii) Package 3
- (iv) Package 4

Each USB flash drive is to be clearly labeled with the RFP Title and the name of the Proponent, and, if more than one USB flash drive is provided, the applicable Package name and number is to be clearly indicated.

- b) Submit two (2) complete printed copies of the Technical Submittal each in the format described in Section 2.4 and provide in one or more 3-ring binders labeled “Copy”, with the following structure:

- (i) Package 1
- (ii) Package 2
- (iii) Package 3
- (iv) Package 4

## Financial Submittal

- a) Submit one (1) complete electronic copy on a USB flash drive of the Financial Submittal in the format described in Table A-1, in the following file and directory structure:
  - (i) Package 5
  - (ii) Package 6

Each USB flash drive is to be clearly labeled with the RFP Title, the name of the Proponent, and, if more than one USB flash drive is provided, the applicable Package name and number is to be clearly indicated.

### 2.5 Proposal Forms

Information provided by the Province on any form required to be submitted as part of a Proposal is not to be altered, qualified, or contradicted in any way by the Proponent either on the face of the submitted form or in any other part of their Proposal.

## 3. Requirements for Interim Financial Capacity Submittal

Without limiting the terms of this RFP, this Section 3 of Appendix A of Volume 1 summarizes the information and documentation that Proponents are to submit in their Proposals for the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal.

The Interim Financial Capacity Submittal will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process described in Section A of Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

Proponents are to arrange the content of their Interim Financial Capacity Submittal using the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in the following tables.

## Table A-2 Package 0 Content Overview

### Package 0 Financial Capacity

Package 0 sections are as follows:

#### 0.1 Financial Statements

Package 0 is to address the requirements set out in Table A-3 below. Proponents are to use the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in Table A-3 in their Proposals.

## Table A-3 Package 0 Content Requirements

Section	Title	Contents
<b>0 Financial Capacity</b> This package is to contain the following information and documents:		
0.1	Financial Statements	<p>Demonstrate the financial capacity of the Proponent Team (Design-Builder or Design-Builder Guarantor as applicable) by providing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The estimated value (and percentage) of the scope of work for each member of the Design-Builder if the Design-Builder is a joint venture, confirmation of the type of guarantee in effect and whether these are joint and several guarantees.</li> <li>b) For each member of the Design-Builder that is not proposed to be guaranteed by a Design-Builder Guarantor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Copies of annual audited financial statements, the audit letters, and the notes to the financial statements, or other similar financial information, for each of the last three fiscal years (entire annual reports should not be provided);</li> <li>ii) If available, copies of the interim financial statements for the last quarter or, if produced semi-annually the last half year, since the last annual audited financial statement provided in i) or, if not available, an explanation as to why;</li> <li>iii) Details of any material off-balance sheet financing arrangements currently in place or, if none, a confirmation as such;</li> <li>iv) Details of any material events that may affect the entity's financial standing since the last annual or interim financial statements provided or, if none, a confirmation as such;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v) Details of any credit rating, including any downgrades of credit rating in the last 36 months, or if none, a confirmation as such; and</li> <li>vi) Details of any bankruptcy, insolvency, company creditor arrangement or other insolvency proceedings in the last 36 months, and any litigation or other material adverse proceedings (arbitration or regulatory investigations or proceedings) that are still outstanding that may affect the Design-Builder's or the Design-Builder Guarantor's (if any) ability to perform its obligations in relation to the Project or, if none, a confirmation as such.</li> </ul> <p>c) For each member of the Design-Builder whose performance is proposed to be guaranteed by a Design-Builder Guarantor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Evidence, in the form of a signed letter from a senior officer of the Design-Builder Guarantor, of the Design-Builder Guarantor's willingness to act as a Design-Builder Guarantor; and a description of such guarantee; and</li> <li>ii) Items b)(i) to b)(vi) above for the Design-Builder Guarantor.</li> </ul> <p>d) With reference to the information provided in relation to b) and c) above, briefly describe the context of the entity's proposed role and project obligations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Design-Builder's capacity to undertake its project obligations (e.g., discuss relevant financial metrics relative to Project scope, financial viability, ability to provide performance security, support and/or guarantees from any other parties, other projects with similar obligations, etc.); and</li> <li>ii) If any, the Design-Builder Guarantor's ability to undertake its obligations (e.g., discuss net and</li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<p>total asset size relative to Project scope, financial capacity, financial viability, etc.).</p> <p><b><u>Please Note:</u></b> The Interim Financial Capacity Submittal will be provided to Infrastructure BC at the Interim Financial Capacity Submission Location and will be retained by Infrastructure BC as strictly confidential in accordance with this RFP. Infrastructure BC will share with the Province the results of its evaluation of the Interim Financial Capacity Submittals in accordance with this RFP, but, as set out in Section 5.4 of Volume 1 of this RFP, it will not share any financial statements included in the Interim Financial Capacity Submittals with the Province, and all financial statements for non public entities will be returned by Infrastructure BC following the execution of the Design-Build Agreement.</p>

#### **4. Requirements for Technical Submittal**

Without limiting the terms of this RFP, this Section 4 of Appendix A of Volume 1 summarizes the information and documentation that Proponents are to submit in their Proposals for the Technical Submittal.

The Technical Submittal will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process described in Section B of Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP.

The Technical Submittal is to be prepared on the basis of the version of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement most recently issued prior to the Technical Submittal Deadline.

Proponents are to arrange the content of their Technical Submittal using the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in the following tables.



## Table A-4 Package 1 Requirements

### Package 1 Transmittal

The transmittal package is to contain the following information and documents:

1.1 Contact Information:

- a) The contact person for all future communications between the Province and the Proponent, including name, employer, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address

1.2 Form 1 of Volume 3 of this RFP – Technical Submittal Certificate and Declaration:

- a) One (1) duly executed Technical Submittal Certificate and Declaration in the form set out in Form 1 of Volume 3 of this RFP

1.3 Technical Submittal table of contents overview:

- a) A table of contents overview for all parts of the Technical Submittal

## Table A-5 Package 2 Content Overview

### Package 2 Design-Build Agreement Management

Package 2 is to provide information and documentation about the Proponent including:

- 2.1 Proponent Information;
- 2.2 Details of the Design-Builder;
- 2.3 Details of the Design-Firm; and
- 2.4 Governance structure

Package 2 of the Proponent's Proposal is to address the requirements set out in Table A-6. Proponents are to use the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in this table in their Proposals.

## Table A-6 Package 2 Content Requirements

Section	Title	Contents
2.1 Proponent Information		
2.1.1	Confirmation of RFQ Qualification Response	<p>Confirmation that, other than changes consented to by the Province in accordance with Section 5.11 of Volume 1 of the RFP, there have been no changes to information provided in the Proponent's RFQ Qualification Response regarding the Design-Builder, the Design Firm, the Construction Firm and the Key Individuals listed as part of the Respondent Team.</p> <p>If changes were made to any of these Proponent Team Members with the consent of the Province, the Proponent will clearly identify each change.</p>
2.2 Details of the Design-Builder		
2.2.1	Legal Name and Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Description of the legal structure that the Proponent will adopt as the Design-Builder including the proposed full legal name of the Design-Builder and, if the Design-Builder will not be a separate legal entity, each legal entity which will comprise the Design-Builder, and the anticipated legal relationship between each legal entity which comprises the Design-Builder.</li> <li>b) For each such legal entity which has been formed as at the Technical Submittal Deadline, provide details of its incorporation or formation, and its extra-provincial registration in British Columbia if applicable, in the form of its certificate of incorporation, registration or equivalent, for the Design-Builder or as applicable each legal entity that comprises the Design-Builder.</li> <li>c) Provide the shareholder agreements or if the Design-Builder does not have a corporate structure, provide details of the ownership structure and copies of all agreements related to ownership.</li> </ul>
2.3 Details of the Design Firm		

Section	Title	Contents
2.3.1	Name	Full legal name(s)
2.3.2	Legal Details	For each Design Firm, provide details of its incorporation or formation, and its extra-provincial registration in British Columbia if applicable, in the form of its certificate of incorporation, registration or equivalent. If a Design Firm is an unincorporated legal entity, please provide such details for each of the underlying legal entities that make up such Design Firm.
2.3.3	Organization Structure Details	Organizational description indicating key members/firms of the design team, their roles and responsibilities and contractual and reporting relationships.
<b>2.4 Governance Structure</b>		
2.4.1	Organizational Structure and Relationships between the Proponent and Proponent Team Members	<p>Project organization chart, which at a minimum identifies all Key Individual positions (no names of individuals) listed in Schedule 21 [Key Individuals] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.</p> <p>Description of the relationships and reporting arrangements among the Proponent Team Members at all stages of the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) reporting relationships between the Proponent and the Design Firm(s);</li> <li>b) reporting relationships between the Proponent Team Members and Key Individuals;</li> <li>c) nature of any contractual relationship(s) to be entered into between the Proponent and the Design Firm; and</li> <li>d) the nature of any sub-contracting arrangements and details of the risk allocation between the parties.</li> </ul>

## Table A-7 Package 3 Content Overview

### Package 3 Implementation Schedules and Strategies

Package 3 is to provide information and documentation that demonstrates the requirements for Technical Submittal evaluation described in Section B – Technical Submittal of Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP. Package 3 sections are:

- 3.1 Design and Construction
- 3.2 Schedules
- 3.3 Quality Management
- 3.4 Environmental Management Strategy
- 3.5 Communications and Engagement
- 3.6 First Nations' Participation
- 3.7 ESG Requirements

Package 3 of the Proponent's Proposal is to address the requirements set out in Table A-8 below. Proponents are to use the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in Table A-8 in their Proposals. Drawings shall be in accordance with the BC Ministry of Transportation and Transit standards.

## Table A-8 Package 3 Content Requirements

Section	Title	Contents
3.1 Design and Construction		
3.1.1	Design of Roadways	<p>Demonstrate how the design of the roadways substantially satisfies the requirements of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement by providing a description of the Proponent's approach to the design requirements and the proposed design including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) key attributes and issues, and proposed design to address all identified issues, including (but not limited to) measures to separate cycling and pedestrian facilities from roadways and considering cycling and pedestrian crossings at roadways and ramps;</li> <li>b) approach to addressing Road Safety Audit comments and considering safety in the design; and</li> </ul> <p>To support the Proponent's approach described for the above, provide the following roadway design drawings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) a key plan and legend; and</li> <li>d) laning and geometric drawings, including plan, profile, typical cross-sections, and property lines, at an appropriate scale to describe the proposed design for roads and pedestrian and cycling facilities, including major drainage channels, location of retaining walls and soundwalls, guide signs and layout of the Truck Parking Facility.</li> </ul>
3.1.2	Traffic Performance	<p>Demonstrate how the Proponent's design meets the traffic operation performance requirements of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, including documentation of the achieved performance of each of the requirements set out in Schedule 4, Part 1, Article 1.5 [Traffic Engineering] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.</p>

Section	Title	Contents
		<p>Include traffic operations models, with all related files, that satisfy the Traffic Operations Requirements.</p> <p>Provide one electronic copy of the Proponent's VISSIM traffic operations model (including all related files) and the data logs.</p>
3.1.3	Structural Design	<p>Provide a narrative to describe the Proponent's proposed bridge structural design methodology, concepts, and configurations which shall comply with the Definitive Design-Build Agreement and address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) required structural openings / clearances to railways, roads and other infrastructure, both current and future;</li> <li>b) access considerations for future maintenance, inspections, and rehabilitation;</li> <li>c) approach and methods to achieve Design Life;</li> <li>d) seismic design, including minimum expected performance levels for all structures and geotechnical systems, fundamental modes of vibration, load paths, soil improvements, seismic isolation systems, shock transmission strategies and proposed seismic analysis methods; and</li> <li>e) structure drainage.</li> </ul> <p>Provide bridge general arrangement drawings showing key structural dimensions, horizontal and vertical clearance considering lane arrangements for both current and future, pedestrian/cyclist accommodation, span arrangement, and structure articulation.</p>
3.1.4	Geotechnical Design	<p>Provide a narrative and drawings to illustrate the Proponent's approach to geotechnical issues, constraints, and designs, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a description of geotechnical issues, conditions, constraints, and risk related to the proposed design concept such as settlement of embankments and structures, stability of cut</li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<p>slopes and embankments, groundwater issues, including a description of the proposed approach to resolve these concerns and issues;</p> <p>b) a description of the foundation concept for each bridge structure, including how the foundation design addresses the geotechnical characteristics of the site;</p> <p>c) a description of any proposed field testing and instrumentation to confirm the geotechnical characteristics of the site during construction;</p> <p>d) a description of the interaction between new structures and existing adjacent structures during construction;</p> <p>e) identification of seismic design issues and a description of the methodology to address these issues for bridge foundations, retaining walls, embankments, and cut slopes; and</p> <p>f) drawings showing locations of preload surcharge, stone columns and other types of ground improvement, as applicable.</p>
3.1.5	Construction Approach	<p>Provide a narrative illustrating how the Proponent will achieve its proposed Draft Works Schedule in a reasonable and realistic manner, having regard for the requirements of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, including:</p> <p>a) key issues and constraints affecting construction and strategies to manage those issues, including ensuring public and worker safety while working in close proximity to an active intersections, highway, interchange and railways;</p> <p>b) roadway traffic management;</p> <p>c) coordination with communications and environmental management activities;</p>



Section	Title	Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) transportation and delivery of materials and prefabricated components;</li> <li>e) method of bridge construction including ground improvement, foundations, piers, abutments, and bridge superstructure with consideration of the various site constraints;</li> <li>f) interaction with other concurrent projects;</li> <li>g) major Temporary Works and demolition of structures over roads and railways;</li> <li>h) procurement of major prefabricated elements; and</li> <li>i) operations and maintenance of Project Infrastructure during construction.</li> </ul>
3.1.6	Construction and User Safety	<p>Provide a description of the Proponent's approach to safety, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a safety policy statement providing the Proponent's health and safety objectives;</li> <li>b) an outline of the overall safety plan;</li> <li>c) plans and processes for the protection of workers and the public; and</li> <li>d) the process for accident and incident response and investigation, including provisions for emergency vehicle passage throughout the Project Site.</li> </ul>
3.1.7	Construction Staging	<p>Provide a narrative and drawings illustrating the Proponent's construction staging approach that aligns with the Project Schedule and the Draft Works Schedule including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) carrying out the proposed Construction including identification of all associated major milestones;</li> <li>b) constructing temporary roadwork and detours including temporary works working around railways;</li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) providing for local access and operational requirements during construction; and</li> <li>d) delivering and erecting major structural components, including temporary works.</li> </ul>
3.1.8	Traffic Management	<p>Provide a narrative describing how the Proponent will manage traffic during Construction for the Project, with consideration of the interaction with adjacent projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) approach and methods to provide detours, Closures and Stoppages which meet the performance requirements, minimize the impacts to roadway users and other local stakeholders;</li> <li>b) approach and methods to maintain accesses through and to adjacent properties at each stage of construction;</li> <li>c) approach to integrating communications requirements in relation to detours, Closures, and Stoppages;</li> <li>d) approach to integrating the construction schedule and staging with the Traffic Management Plan;</li> <li>e) approach to dealing with traffic accidents and other incidents; and</li> <li>f) approach to dealing with unplanned Closures.</li> </ul> <p>Provide drawings, as required, to support the narrative above.</p>
<b>3.2 Schedules</b>		
3.2.1	Project Schedule	<p>Provide a draft Project Schedule prepared in accordance with Schedule 3, Section 3.2 [Project Schedule] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement which includes, at a minimum, the following information:</p>

Section	Title	Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) interim and final Design milestones for major submittals;</li> <li>b) the construction start and completion dates for the New Project Infrastructure;</li> <li>c) the Substantial Completion Date; and</li> <li>d) the Total Completion Date.</li> </ul> <p>The draft Project Schedule should assume an Effective Date of November 10, 2025.</p>
3.2.2	Draft Works Schedule	<p>Provide a Draft Works Schedule prepared in accordance with Schedule 3, Section 3.3 [Works Schedule] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement showing the assumed Effective Date of November 10, 2025, the Substantial Completion Date, and the Total Completion Date. At a minimum, the following key work elements are to be identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) intended construction start date including all milestones and constraints required to be met prior to the start of construction;</li> <li>b) critical path and major milestones;</li> <li>c) securing approvals, permits, and licenses, including environmental, and utilities;</li> <li>d) design and submittal schedule;</li> <li>e) site preparation, ground treatment/improvements, earthworks, surplus disposal, consolidation periods;</li> <li>f) road and pavement construction;</li> <li>g) Multi-Use Path (MUP) construction;</li> <li>h) Truck Parking Facility construction;</li> <li>i) structures construction and demolition;</li> <li>j) utility protection, relocations, and construction;</li> <li>k) construction mobilization, demobilization, and site remediation;</li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>l) construction of temporary or offsite facilities;</li> <li>m) procurement of major prefabricated and other critical materials;</li> <li>n) any other significant work functions; and</li> <li>o) major constraints to construction such as seasonal weather and environmental timing windows.</li> </ul>
3.2.3	Schedule Assumptions	<p>As it relates to Section 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 above, provide a narrative that describes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) description of the key milestones;</li> <li>b) critical path analysis;</li> <li>c) list of key assumptions; and</li> <li>d) discussion of key interfaces that are relevant to the schedule.</li> </ul>
<b>3.3 Quality Management</b>		
3.3.1	Quality Management System Framework	<p>Provide a description of a Quality Management Plan which would meet the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 as well as a narrative of a Quality Management System (QMS) framework which reasonably demonstrates that the QMS will satisfy the requirements of International Standards ISO 9001:2015, and the requirements stated in the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.</p> <p>The QMS framework is to, as a minimum, include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the Proponent's Quality Policy and Quality Objectives;</li> <li>b) processes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) ensuring design quality;</li> <li>(ii) ensuring construction quality;</li> <li>(iii) the control of nonconforming product and services;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) continuous improvement;</li> <li>(v) quality auditing;</li> <li>(vi) the assessment and procurement of Subcontractors, and suppliers, and the application of QMS requirements into the activities of these external parties; and</li> <li>(vii) QMS performance evaluation.</li> </ul> <p>c) an outline of how the key management activities (such as project controls, design, construction, operations, maintenance, communications, traffic management, safety and environmental) will interface with each other and with quality management; and</p> <p>d) a description of the process, including the timing, for how the Proponent intends to ensure its QMS complies with the requirements of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.</p>
<b>3.4 Environmental Management Strategy</b>		
3.4.1	Environmental Management Strategy	Provide a description of the Proponent's strategy to meet the requirements of Schedule 6 [Environmental Obligations] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, including working within the parameters of the Province-obtained environmental Permits, and all other environmental obligations of the Design-Builder. This description will demonstrate the Proponent's understanding and capability to meet these requirements and will include a description of their strategic approach as well as an overview of the Construction Environmental Management Plans and Environment Enhancement Management Plan.
3.4.2	Environmental Summary Report	Provide a description of any elements of the design(s) that are not addressed in Schedule 6 [Environmental Obligations] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, that differ from Reference Concept habitat impacts or compensation, or that will have additional

Section	Title	Contents
		<p>environmental impacts. For each of the elements so identified, provide an assessment of the environmental impacts together with a mitigation strategy to demonstrate how the Proponent will ensure compliance with the requirements of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, including Schedule 6 [Environmental Obligations], all environmental Permits, and all other environmental obligations.</p> <p>This summary report shall include drawings that quantify (in m<sup>2</sup>) the habitat impacts and compensation areas to demonstrate compliance with Schedule 6 [Environmental Obligations] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.</p>
<b>3.5 Communications and Engagement</b>		
3.5.1	Communications and Engagement Approach	<p>Provide an overview of the Proponent's approach that demonstrates the Proponent's understanding of and capability to meet the requirements of Schedule 15 [Communications and Engagement] and communication-related aspects of Schedule 4 Part 3 [Traffic Management] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement and all other Communications and Engagement obligations of the Design-Builder, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) planning and execution of construction and road closures notification;</li> <li>b) supporting the Province with community and stakeholder engagement;</li> <li>c) supporting the Province with enquiry-response management;</li> <li>d) supporting the Province with crisis communications and issues management; and</li> <li>e) supporting the Province with media and government relations.</li> </ul>
<b>3.6 First Nations Participation</b>		

Section	Title	Contents
3.6.1	First Nations Participation Strategy	<p>Provide a description of the Proponent's strategy for meeting the requirements of Schedule 12 [First Nations Requirements] to the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.</p> <p>The description will demonstrate the Proponent's understanding and capability in meeting the requirements of Schedule 12 [First Nations Requirements].</p>
3.7 ESG Requirements		
3.7.1	ESG Requirements	Provide a description of the Proponent's understanding, capability, and strategy for meeting the requirements of Schedule 13 [ESG Requirements] to the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.
3.7.2	Respect in the Workplace	Provide a description of the Proponent's understanding, capability, and strategy for meeting the requirements of Schedule 13 [ESG Requirements], Section 7.1 [Respect in the Workplace] of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement.

## Table A-9 Package 4 Content Overview

### Package 4 Scored Elements

Package 4 is to provide information and documentation that demonstrates the requirements for Technical Submittal evaluation described in Section B – Technical Submittal of Appendix B of Volume 1 of this RFP. Package 4 sections are:

#### 4.1 Design

Package 4 of the Proponent's Proposal is to address the requirements set out in Table A-10 below. Proponents are to use the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in Table A-10 in their Proposals.



## Table A-10 Package 4 Content Requirements

Section	Title	Contents
4. Scored Elements		
4.1	Design	<p>Provide the following for traffic safety assessment:</p> <p>a) Expected Crash Frequency: Based on adequate Safety Performance Function (from literature) specific to interchange types, calculate the anticipated crash frequency for the proposed concept based on traffic volumes and design attributes. Consider the total number of crashes and the severity (e.g., fatal, injury, property damage). Collision modification factors will be provided by the Province. The Province will define which Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) model to use for evaluation. The results will be converted to collision savings using financial metrics provided by the Province.</p> <p>Provide the following for capacity improvements assessment:</p> <p>b) Network Travel Time: Provide a comparison matrix of travel times for vehicles entering the network through the interchange gateways. The gateways are defined in Schedule 4, Part 1, Article 1.5. The traffic travel time network metrics will be combined with the vehicle volumes to establish the number of vehicle hours per movement and an overall weighted number of vehicle hours. The results will be converted to time-based cost savings using financial metrics provided by the Province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reference shall be made to the outputs provided in Proponent's VISSIM traffic operations model provided with the Technical Submittal.</li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<p>Include specific references to the relevant sections of the Technical Submittal, that provide evidence to support these requirements.</p> <p>This narrative, and supporting evidence, should address the evaluation criteria defined in Table 1 of Appendix B Volume 1 of this RFP.</p> <p>The narrative should be no more than 4 pages, excluding tables, charts, and figures.</p> <p>The Province will provide the expected crash frequency and network travel time for the Reference Concept in the Data Room.</p>

## 5. Requirements for Financial Submittal

Without limiting the terms of this RFP, this Section 5 of Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP summarizes the information and documentation that Proponents are to submit in their Proposals for the Financial Submittal.

The Financial Submittal will provide evidence that the Proponent has in place all necessary financial arrangements for the Project.

Proponents are to prepare their Financial Submittal on the basis of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, without amendment, and on the basis of their Technical Submittal including any further information and documentation (including clarifications, rectifications, and more complete, supplementary, replacement and additional information and documentation delivered to the Province in accordance with this RFP).

Proponents are to arrange the content of their Financial Submittal in accordance with the sequencing of and using the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in the following tables.

## Table A-11 Package 5 Requirements

### Package 5 Transmittal Package

The transmittal package is to contain the following information and documents:

5.1 Form 2 – Financial Submittal Certificate and Declaration:

- a) One (1) duly executed Financial Submittal Certificate and Declaration, in the form set out in Form 2 of Volume 3 of this RFP

5.2 Financial Submittal table of contents overview:

- a) A table of contents overview for all parts and the Financial Submittal

## Table A-12 Package 6 Content Overview

### Package 6 Financial

Package 6 sections are as follows:

- 6.1 Price Validity
- 6.2 Form 3 of Volume 3 of this RFP – Contract Price Proposal
- 6.3 Insurance and Bonding
- 6.4 Limited Notice to Proceed

Package 6 is to address the requirements set out in Table A-13 below. Proponents are to use the section numbers and corresponding titles shown in Table A-13 in their Proposals.

## Table A-13 Package 6 Content Requirements

Section	Title	Contents
6 Financial Submittal		
6.1	Price Validity	Confirm all prices listed in the Proposal will remain valid for the period of at least 90 days after the Financial Submittal Deadline.
6.2	Form 3 – Contract Proposal Price	<p>Submit Form 3 of Volume 3 of this RFP, in both Adobe PDF and Excel, which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The breakdown of the price adding up to the Contract Proposal Price; and</li> <li>b) Estimated monthly Progress Payments over the construction schedule with work completed based on the Works Schedule.</li> </ul> <p>The Proponent's Form 3 should be consistent with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Produced using the template supplied by the Province with no changes or entries other than as indicated;</li> <li>ii) Produced in Microsoft Excel version 2010 or newer;</li> <li>iii) Except whether otherwise expressly indicated, include all taxes other than GST;</li> <li>iv) Be expressed in Canadian dollars;</li> <li>v) Include no hidden or password-protected cells or sheets; and</li> <li>vi) All sheets should be sized clearly and legibly on 8.5" x 11" pages including row and column references on each page.</li> </ul>
6.3	Insurance and Bonding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Design-Builder must demonstrate the insurability of the Design-Builder and the Subcontractors, through the insurance coverage required by the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, by providing written undertakings from insurers, in the forms of Form 4 and</li> </ul>

Section	Title	Contents
		<p>5 of Volume 3 of this RFP, from insurers licensed in Canada to provide the insurance coverage required by the Definitive Design-Build Agreement if the Proponent is awarded the Design-Build Agreement.</p> <p>b) The Design-Builder must demonstrate the bondability of the Design-Builder by providing written confirmation, from a surety acceptable to the Province and authorized to transact the business of suretyship in Canada, that the bonding requirements of the Definitive Design-Build Agreement will be available for the Project if the Proponent is awarded the Design-Build Agreement. The Proponent may submit Form 6 of Volume 3 of this RFP or may alternatively provide the surety's standard form Consent of Surety or Agreement to Bond in respect of a commitment to provide the required performance bond and labour and material payment bond.</p>

Section	Title	Contents
6.4	Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement	<p>Provide a description of the Proponent's proposed Limited Notice to Proceed strategy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a completed Schedule A to Form 11 of Volume 3 of this RFP (Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement) listing the activities identified on the Proponent's Draft Works Schedule that the Proponent would commence during the 60 days prior to the Effective Date in the event that a Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement may be executed and the estimated total costs of those activities.</li> </ul> <p>If applicable in each case, provide a request for the Province's consent to access and use of i) land owned or controlled by the Province and ii) municipal roads, in each case as required in order to carry out any Approved Activity under the Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement, in accordance with Section 7.1 (c) of Form 11 of Volume 3 of this RFP, which request will be considered by the Province in its discretion. The Preferred Proponent will be responsible for arranging access to all other land required in order to carry out any Approved Activity under the Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) confirmation that the Proponent has accepted the terms of and is prepared to execute Form 11 of Volume 3 of this RFP (Limited Notice to Proceed Agreement) if selected as Preferred Proponent and if required to do so prior to the Effective Date.</li> </ul>



## APPENDIX B EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Province will evaluate the Proposals in accordance with this Appendix B.

### A - Interim Financial Capacity Submittal

Subject to the terms of this RFP, the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal evaluation will consider whether the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal substantially satisfies the requirements of this RFP, including the requirements set out in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP, and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Province that the Proponent has the financial capacity to meet the obligations of the Project to cover liabilities not covered by insurance and bonding.

If the Province is not satisfied that the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal demonstrates that the Proponent has the financial capacity to meet the obligations of the Project to cover liabilities not covered by insurance and bonding, the Province may in its discretion ask for additional information to demonstrate such financial capacity, which request for additional information may include a request for a Proponent to add to the Proponent Team a Design-Builder Guarantor which is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Province such financial capacity.

**If the Province is satisfied that the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, including any such requested additional information, substantially meets the above requirements, the Province will issue a Notice of Continued Status to the Proponent in accordance with Section 3.8.3 of Volume 1 of this RFP.**

**If the Province is not satisfied that the Interim Financial Capacity Submittal, including any such requested additional information, substantially meets the above requirements, the Province may reject the Proposal and not evaluate it further.**

### B - Technical Submittal

Subject to the terms of this RFP, the Technical Submittal evaluation will consider whether the Technical Submittal substantially satisfies the requirements of this RFP, including the requirements set out in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP, and the Definitive Design-Build Agreement, and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Province

that the Proponent is capable of performing the obligations and responsibilities of the Design-Builder and delivering the Project in accordance with the Design-Build Agreement and that the Proponent has a good understanding of the Project and of the Project Work.

**If the Province is not satisfied that the Technical Submittal substantially meets the above requirements, the Province may reject the Proposal and not evaluate it further.**

The Province will evaluate and score each Technical Submittal that has not been rejected against the criteria described in Table 1 of this Appendix B. Table 1 describes these criteria and indicates the maximum points available for each criterion.

Points will be awarded for how effectively the Proposal responds to the design requirements set out in Schedule 4 [Design and Construction Technical Requirements] of the Design-Build Agreement in a manner consistent with the evaluation criteria described in Table 1 of this Appendix B.

Table 1 – Scored Elements Evaluation Criteria and Points		
Related Section in Appendix A	Criteria	Points
4.1	<p><b><u>Design</u></b></p> <p>The extent to which the narrative and supporting evidence provided in response to Scored Evaluation Package section 4.1 of Appendix A demonstrates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Proponent's design is aligned with the Project's Objectives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety improvements are equivalent or better than the Reference Concept, using collision prediction modelling; and</li> <li>Capacity improvements are equivalent or better than the Reference Concept interchange ramp traffic performance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>50</p> <p>50</p>
	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

The Technical Submittal will be scored and awarded points based on the level of achievement of the criteria in Table 1, based on information provided in the Technical Submittal as described in Appendix A of Volume 1 of this RFP.

### C – Financial Submittal

In accordance with Section 3.1 of the RFP, the Contract Price Proposal as at the Submission Time for Financial Submittals should not exceed the Affordability Requirement.

Subject to the terms of this RFP, the Province will evaluate each Financial Submittal that has not been rejected, to determine whether the Province is satisfied that the Financial Submittal substantially meets the following requirements:

- a) the Proponent has confirmation of a bonding undertaking for a performance bond and a labour and materials payment bond, each in the amount of 50 per cent of the nominal cost of the Contract Price Proposal; and
- b) the provisions of this RFP, including the requirements set out in:
  - 1. Appendix A of this RFP; and
  - 2. the Final Draft Design-Build Agreement.

**If the Province is not satisfied that the Financial Submittal substantially meets the above requirements, the Province may reject the Proposal and not evaluate it further.**

### D – Ranking Process

Proposals that have not been rejected will be ranked according to the following process:

#### STEP 1: LOWEST ADJUSTED CONTRACT PRICE PROPOSAL

The Province will calculate the Adjusted Contract Price Proposal by doing the following:

- a) Scored Elements Adjustment

For the purposes of evaluation and ranking only, the Contract Price Proposal will be adjusted by:



1. calculating the number of points (including partial points) achieved by the Proposal;
2. multiplying that calculated number of points by \$250,000 (the nominal value of a point allocated by the Province for this purpose); and
3. subtracting the product from the Contract Price Proposal.

The Proposal which offers the lowest Adjusted Contract Price Proposal as determined by the Province will receive the highest ranking and be designated the highest-ranked Proposal.

## STEP 2: MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PROVINCE.

If the Adjusted Contract Price Proposal of another Proposal is not more than \$100,000 higher than the Proposal with the lowest Adjusted Contract Price Proposal, then the Province may select the Proposal with the higher Adjusted Contract Price Proposal if, in the Province's discretion, there are compelling advantages to such Proposal, and in that case such Proposal will be designated as the highest-ranked Proposal.

## APPENDIX C REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FORM

### HIGHWAY 11 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

#### Request For Information / Clarification / Meeting

<b>Request Number:</b>	(Proponent name and sequential number)
<b>Raised By:</b>	(contact name)
<b>Date Raised:</b>	
<b>Date by Which Response Required:</b>	
<b>Type of Request</b> (please indicate with tick boxes):	<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Clarification <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting

<b>Source of Query:</b>	
Document section and date (if applicable):	
Meeting and date (if applicable):	
Other:	

#### REQUEST / QUERY (One query / request per sheet):

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Do you request this query to be “Commercial in Confidence”?

☐ YES

☐ NO

