

Infrastructure & Operations

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Water Testing Services
RFQ50709 - Addendum 1

Release date: July 19, 2024

Quotations will be received up to
2:00:00 pm local time on, July 31, 2024

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The following questions have been received.

1. Please confirm that a copy of the NS WCB clearance letter can be provided at the beginning of each quarter instead of accompanying each invoice.

Yes. The applicable clause to is updated to read: "Registration with the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia (WCBNS) is required as a condition of providing these Services; a valid Clearance Letter may be provided each quarter, unless otherwise requested, in writing, by East Hants."

We are unlikely to request in writing unless we do not receive the quarterly letter and cannot validate the WCBNS coverage the WCBNS's online service.

2. Please provide a list of tests required on the "Standard Water Analysis" package.

An Excel spreadsheet that has the parameters that are required on the "Standard Water Analysis" is included with this addendum and here is the list:

pH
Reactive Silica as SiO ₂
Chloride
Fluoride
Sulphate
Alkalinity
True Color
Turbidity
Electrical Conductivity
Nitrate + Nitrite as N
Nitrate as N
Nitrite as N
Ammonia as N
Total Organic Carbon
Ortho-Phosphate as P

Total Sodium
Total Potassium
Total Calcium
Total Magnesium
Total Phosphorous
Bicarb. Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)
Carb. Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)
Hydroxide
Calculated TDS
Hardness
Langelier Index (@20C)
Langelier Index (@ 4C)
Saturation pH (@ 20C)
Saturation pH (@ 4C)
Anion Sum
Cation sum
% Difference/ Ion Balance (NS)

3. Please confirm if PFOS and PFOA are required in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality (included since 2018 but not always requested).

PFOS and PFOA are required in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, they were first introduced as a requirement in 2018 and this only needs to be tested once every 5 years.

4. Please confirm the type of fish toxicity testing that will be required with the Water and Wastewater sampling program.

Fish toxicity testing required for Wastewater sampling is the 96H SINGLE CONCENTRATION Rainbow Trout TEST (EPS 1/RM/13).

5. Changes to the Indemnification Clause in the Terms and Conditions were requested, but no changes will be made.
6. Changes to the second paragraph of the Limitation of Liability Clause were requested as follows: “[...] and (iii) the total liability of one party to the other shall not exceed the limit of the Supplier’s insurance for negligent professional acts, errors or omissions, as required under this Agreement.”

East Hants can accept this amended wording.

7. There was a request to amend the last paragraph of the Insurance clause as follows: “The proof shall be in the form of a certificate of insurance; such certificate will be provided to East Hants within 10 business days of notification of award, upon each renewal of this insurance during the Term, and within 10 business days of a written request from East Hants, acting reasonably, during the Term.”

The intent is that East Hants will have a valid certificate of insurance on file throughout the term of the contract and that the successful bidder agrees to provide that certificate. Ideally, this certificate would be sent by a supplier in advance of renewal, but, in practice, East Hants will reach out to suppliers around the time of renewal for a new certificate. For this agreement, the above-noted clause is reworded as follows:

“The proof shall be in the form of a certificate of insurance; such certificate will be provided to East Hants within 10 business days of notification of award and within 10 business days of any subsequent written request, including by email, from East Hants.”

END OF ADDENDUM