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#### **ADDENDUM No. 5**

**REQUEST FOR TENDER No. Doc5475812981**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 12:00 NOON (LOCAL TIME), January 21, 2026**

**FOR: Toronto Paramedic Fleet Maintenance Garage Upgrades, Located at 1116 King  
Street West, Toronto**

Please refer to the above Request for Tender document in your possession and be advised of the following:

#### **I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Q1 – Addendum 3 Q&A 45 instructs bidders to refer to Section 31 23 03 for instruction on how to address contaminated soil removal. It is unreasonable and unfair to instruct bidders to include for costs of contaminated soil when no soil analysis is provided in the documents. We cant fully determine the cost until the material is tested. Contaminated soil disposal should be treated as an allowance if the extent and requirements of the removals cant fully be determined at the time of tender. Please instruct bidders to assume clean fill removal under the existing slab on grade and adjust the allowances to include for any contaminated soil removal.

A1 – The Specifications require the Contractor to engage a qualified third party to carry out any additional required testing. All associated costs, including testing and the removal and disposal of all contaminated soil, are to be included in the Contractor's price.

##### **Base Bid:**

In the absence of detailed soil analysis in the specifications, bidders are to assume soil contamination classifications in the range of Ontario's geotechnical table 3 contamination: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-ground-water-and-sediment-standards-use-under-part-xv1-environmental-protection-act>

for the quantities shown on the pricing form and include all associated removal and disposal costs in their base bid.

##### **Soil Testing:**

During construction, the Contractor shall engage a qualified third-party testing agency, approved by the client and the consultant, as required by the Specifications, to confirm actual soil contamination classifications and to distinguish between clean and contaminated soil volumes.

##### **Less Contaminated Soil:**

Should third-party testing confirm that the quantity of contaminated soil requiring removal is less than the quantity included in the base bid, the Contractor shall provide a credit by change order reflecting the cost difference between the assumed Ontario's geotechnical level 3 contamination's Table 3, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-ground-water-and-sediment-standards-use-under-part-xv1-environmental-protection-act>, contaminated soil disposal and clean soil disposal, as applicable.

#### Quantity Measurement

Soil quantities reflected on the pricing form item no.9

Q2 – Section 31 23 03 indicates that if contaminated soils are encountered the Contractor must engage a Qualified Professional to conduct a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment. Typically in lump sum tenders such as this the ESAs are done during the design stage and are provided in the tender documents to give all bidders a clear understanding of what can be expected. It is very unusual this wasn't done. Since the specification suggests it is unknown if contaminated material will be encountered will the cost for this be part of the inspection and testing allowance?

A2 – The Specifications require the Contractor to engage a qualified third party to carry out any additional required testing. All associated costs, including testing and the removal and disposal of all contaminated soil, are to be included in the Contractor's price.

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Q3 – Can the City confirm that the existing soil removal below the slab on grade is non hazardous?

A3 – Please assume all soil is contaminated and meets Table 3 of the Soil, ground water and sediment standards for use under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-ground-water-and-sediment-standards-use-under-part-xv1-environmental-protection-act>.

Q4 – Who's bearing the cost for unforeseen soil conditions? Spec pushes responsibility on GC, but there's no way we can make allowances for something that can't be known.

A4 – In the absence of detailed soil analysis in the specifications, bidders are to assume soil contamination classifications in the range of Ontario's geotechnical table 3 contamination:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/soil-ground-water-and-sediment-standards-use-under-part-xv1-environmental-protection-act> for the quantities shown on the pricing form and include all associated removal and disposal costs in their base bid.

Should you have any questions regarding this addendum send via the event message board or contact Max Parker by email at [Max.Parker@toronto.ca](mailto:Max.Parker@toronto.ca).

Suppliers must acknowledge receipt of all addenda in the space provided on Part 4 – Submission Form as per Part 1 Tender Process, Section 1 RFT Specific Process and Submission Instructions, Item 1.7 – Addenda, of the Tender document. All other aspects of the Tender remain the same.

Yours truly,

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