



LADYSMITH

Infrastructure Services Department

Request for Proposals

No. 2023-IS-04

Inspection of Overflow Holding Tank

For further information

please contact:

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RFP Issue Date: **August 10, 2023**

RFP Closing Date: **August 31, 2023 at 2:00 pm,**

RFP Opening: **August 31, 2023 at 2:15 pm,**

Location of Bid Opening: **Ladysmith City Hall**



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1. Introduction

The Town of Ladysmith is seeking proposals for the Inspection of a concrete overflow holding tank, including concrete structure, piping, steel grate walkways, and handrails at the Ladysmith Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), located at 245B Oyster Cove Road, Ladysmith, as shown in the figure below.



The overflow holding tank was constructed as part of the original WWTP in the early 1980s. It has been modified since the original construction and repurposed as an overflow tank.



2. Required Project Deliverables

Overflow Tank: Visual examination of the tank's interior and exterior surfaces, including the walls and floor. Assessment of the tank's structural integrity, detection of cracks, spalling, or other signs of deterioration or distress. Evaluation of the concrete's overall stability.

Associated Piping: Inspection of the piping system connected to the overflow tank, including inlet and outlet pipes, valves, fittings and supports. Identification of leaks, corrosion, or any other potential issues.

Steel Grate Walkways and Handrails: Examination of the steel grate walkways, ladders and handrails specifically around and leading to the overflow tank. Inspection for structural integrity, signs of corrosion, damaged sections, loose connections, or any other safety concerns.

Detailed Inspection Report: A comprehensive report documenting the findings of the inspection, including photographs, measurements, and detailed descriptions of any identified issues.

Recommendations: Clear and concise recommendations for maintenance, repair, or replacement, if necessary, based on the inspection findings along with estimated costs.

3. Response Content

All respondents should include the following information in their proposal:

Scope of Work: A detailed description of how your company plans to perform the inspection and assessment for the overflow holding tank, Concrete Structure, Piping, Steel Grate Walkways, and Handrails at Ladysmith WWTP.

Timeline: Confirmation of your company's availability to complete the inspection within the specified timeline (by October 31, 2023).

Estimated duration for completing the inspection, including number of days onsite and condition of tank level required (full or empty); staff will require approximately 5 working days between full and empty inspections.

Deliverables: Explanation of the format and content of the detailed inspection report that will be provided upon completion of the inspection. Include information about the level of detail, photography, measurements, and other elements of the report.

Cost: A clear breakdown of costs associated with the scope of work, including labour, materials, equipment, and any other relevant charges.

As part of the submission review process, proponents may be asked for clarification by telephone or email.

4. Enquiries

All enquiries related to this “Request for Proposal” are to be directed to:

Shawn Baker
sbaker@ladysmith.ca
778-674-3015

5. RFP Addenda

It is the responsibility of the proponents to check periodically for any addenda that may be issued by the Town of Ladysmith. Addenda will be posted on the Town of Ladysmith website (www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/bid-opportunities) and on BC Bid.

6. Proposal Submission

Proponents are requested to submit their proposals **no later than 2:00pm on August 31, 2023** to the attention of:

Matt O’Halloran, Manager of Corporate Services
Town of Ladysmith
410 Esplanade - PO Box 220
Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A2
Email: bid@ladysmith.ca

Proposals must be submitted by email. The Town is not responsible for the timely receipt or adequacy of any electronic transmissions, and late receipt of Proposals via email or facsimile will be cause for rejection of a Proposal.

All submissions must be clearly marked “Request for Proposals No. 2023-IS-04”.

The successful bidder will be required to obtain and provide proof of the following:

- A current business license for operating in the Town of Ladysmith;
- A Clearance Letter from WorkSafe BC that confirms they are registered and in good financial standing with WorkSafe BC;
- Minimum \$2 million liability insurance with the Town of Ladysmith named as additional insured; and
- Federal, provincial and municipal permits when and where applicable.

7. Proposal Evaluation

The Town will evaluate proposals based upon but not limited to, the following:

- Quality of the proposal;
- Fee quote;

- Principles of best value (see below);
- Demonstrated proven experience;
- Accessibility and responsiveness; and
- Reference checks.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals either whole or in part at any time, or waive formalities in, or accept a proposal either whole or in part which is deemed most favourable in the interest of the Town. The Town will be under no obligation to proceed further with any submitted proposal and, should it decide to abandon same, it may, at any time, invite further proposals for the supply of the described services or enter into any discussions or negotiations with any party for the provision of the services. No alterations, amendments or additional information will be accepted after the closing date and time unless invited by the Town.

The lowest or any submission in response to this RFP will not necessarily be accepted. The bids will be considered on their merits and it is not the intention of the Municipality to buy on price alone.

The Town of Ladysmith Purchasing Policy entails the following Principles of “Best Value”:

- Procure the goods and services requirements of all departments in an efficient, timely and cost effective manner while maintaining the necessary controls;
- Engage in an open bidding process wherever practical;
- Ensure maximum value is obtained during the acquisition of goods and services. Where applicable, the total cost of the goods and services purchased should be taken into account. Total cost may include but not be limited to acquisition cost, disposal cost, residual value, training cost, maintenance cost, product performance and environmental impact;
- Take into account wherever practical the commitment to protection of the environment, and energy conservation;
- Ensure the acquisition of goods and services meets the requirements of applicable legislation and trade agreements, including the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, and the Agreement on Internal Trade; and
- Ensure that maximum value is realized when disposing of surplus goods, materials and equipment.
- Up to five (5) percent of the evaluation score will be allocated based on the proposal’s contribution to the following community benefits:
 - *Economy*
 - Demonstrate job creation within the local area, which is defined as the Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Regional District of Nanaimo;
 - Contribute to a stronger local economy (buy local);
 - Increase training and apprenticeship opportunities;

- Provide work experience and employment opportunities for youth aged 15 to 24; and
- Ensure that a Living Wage for the local area is paid.
- *Public Spaces*
 - Enhance community recreation, arts and/or culture infrastructure;
 - Improve and enhance public spaces; and
 - Improve access to public spaces for people living with disabilities.
- *Environment*
 - Demonstrate that work undertaken exceeds requirements for environmental standards.

8. Ownership of Proposals

All Proposals and subsequent information materials shall become the property of the Town of Ladysmith after the closing date and time and will not be returned.

The Proposals will be held in confidence by the Town subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. This Request for Proposals and all associated documentation is the property of the Town of Ladysmith and shall not be copied or distributed without the prior written approval of the Town.