

PROCUREMENT UPDATE

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ISSUED FOR SITE C MAIN CIVIL WORKS

Contract award expected in summer 2015, subject to project approvals

BC Hydro posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on BC Bid today for main civil works for the Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C). The scope of the main civil works contract includes the construction of an earthfill dam, two diversion tunnels, and a concrete foundation for the generating station and spillways.

Responses to the RFQ are due by May 30, 2014. BC Hydro anticipates that up to four contractors will be shortlisted and issued with a Request for Proposals in the summer of 2014. This RFQ initiates a 16-month procurement process with a contract award expected in the summer of 2015, subject to environmental certification, other regulatory permits and authorizations, and approvals to proceed.

BC Hydro will host business-to-business networking sessions in the Peace Region in September 2014 once the shortlisted proponents for the main civil works contract have been selected. At these sessions, local, regional and Aboriginal businesses will have the opportunity to meet proponents with the objective of building partnerships and opportunities for regional contractors.

Additional Project Information:

- The main civil works contract comprises the majority of earthworks required to construct the Site C project, including:
 - Approximately 32 million m³ of excavation for structures, including approach channel and tailrace.
 - River diversion works, including construction of:
 - Two 10.8 m internal diameter concrete-lined tunnels between 700 m to 800 m in length.
 - Associated cofferdams and intake and outlet structures.
 - Earthfill dam – central core zoned earth embankment approximately 1,050 m long and 60 m above the present river level (total volume approximately 20 million m³).
 - Roller-compacted concrete buttress – approximately 800 m in length to a maximum height of 70 m (total RCC volume of approximately 2 million m³).
 - Significant ancillary works such as permanent network of site roads, site drainage and debris handling facilities.
- The procurement approach for Site C consists of a number of large contracts for major project components, such as the main civil works, as well as multiple smaller contracts for supporting activities and ancillary works.
- BC Hydro expects to issue additional procurements for early works contracts in the summer of 2014. The scope of these contracts would include site preparation, including the installation of infrastructure (e.g., site power and communications) and access roads.

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- The issuance of this RFQ is consistent with BC Hydro's procurement approach for Site C, as set out in the project's January 2013 Business Case Summary and the Environmental Impact Statement, filed with federal and provincial environmental regulators in January 2013. The Site C project website www.sitecproject.com lists all current and upcoming major procurements, including anticipated timelines.
- The project would create approximately 10,000 person-years of direct employment during construction, and about 33,000 person-years of direct and indirect employment through all stages of development and construction.
- Construction of Site C would contribute \$3.2 billion to provincial GDP, including approximately \$130 million to regional GDP.

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The main civil works RFQ can be found on BC Bid at www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca, document number 1824.

ABOUT SITE C

The Site C Clean Energy Project is a proposed third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. It would provide 1,100 megawatts (MW) of dependable capacity, and produce about 5,100 gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity each year to the province's integrated electricity system. Subject to approvals, Site C would be a source of clean, renewable and cost-effective electricity for more than 100 years. Site C is currently undergoing a cooperative environmental assessment by the federal and provincial environmental assessment agencies, which includes a Joint Review Panel process.

The Site C project team will periodically send updates about the Site C project and upcoming business opportunities. You are also welcome to visit the [Business and Job Opportunities](#) page.

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