

**2003 – 2004 Highway Maintenance Contracts
Frequently Asked Questions**

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Service Area 01 - South Island

- Q1. In Service Area 1 we cannot find in the documents what areas are designated as "isolated". Are there "isolated" areas and if so what are they?
- A. Amendment # 1 has been issued to the RFP with a revised quantities list.**
- Q2. In the Price Proposal Information for Service Area 1 - Chapter 3, pages 84-88 inclusive, there are no quantities for the Quantified Maintenance Services for the isolated areas. Does this mean there are no Quantified Maintenance Services to be conducted on the Gulf Islands or are they not considered "isolated"
- A. Amendment # 1 has been issued to the RFP with a revised quantities list.**
- Q3. Volume 1, Chapter 3, Appendix B titled Unit Prices for Quantified Maintenance Services implies that proponents are to provide a unit price for isolated areas for which there are no quantities shown on the Target levels of Quantified Maintenance Services. Are proponents to provide a unit price for these zero quantity items?
- A. It is not necessary to give prices where the quantity shows 0.**
- Q4. The Ministry of Transportation Maintenance Yard Status indicates that South Island Service Area 1 has for sale or lease the following yards: Galiano Island, Mayne Island, Pender Island, Saturna Island, Thetis Island, Duncan, Saltspring Island, and North Saanich. Could you advise us of the lease price for all of the above - particularly North Saanich?
- A. These are all BCBC yards. Robert Geunther is the lease contact at BCBC. His number is (604) 870-5005.**

Q5. If there is any increase in the cost of the Bonds after 5 years, will the Ministry contribute any moneys to the cost increases?

A. No.

Q6. With respect to Service Area 1, in Volume1: Chapter 2, Articles 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 on pages 39 and 40 it states that the QMS Proposal must provide QMS with respect to the following Services.

- 1 - Winter preparedness and program delivery
2. Pavement Patching and Crack Sealing
3. Road Surface Grading and Reshaping
4. Contractor's continual improvement process

In Volume 1: Chapter 2, Appendix "I", QMS "Proposals Evaluation Checklists" on Pages 78 and 79, checklists for Planning and Scheduling and Procedures for Bridge Deck Maintenance have been included. Also on Page 80 the check list for Traffic Management has been included. Since these Services are not included in Articles 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 should these Check Lists be removed from Appendix "I" or should they be added to Volume 1, Chapter 2, Article 2?

A. **As stated in Chapter 2, section 3.1 of the RFP, 'certain of the checklists will not be applicable to any of the Selected Maintenance Processes'. The checklists cover all the specifications which section 2.3 may require. In the case of SA01, Patching and Crack Sealing and Gravel Surface Grading are the two selected activities; you don't need to include Bridge Deck Maintenance or Traffic Management.**

Q7. In reference to Service Area 1 Price Proposal Information - Volume 1, Chapter 3, Page 85, Item 18 - Gravelling Crush - it indicates that the Quantitative Maintenance Services required is 25,000 m3. The historical work accomplishments for Item 150P and 150M between 1995 and 2004 has averaged only 2,926 m3. Is the 25,000 m3 incorrect?

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