

BC ENERGY REGULATOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONTRACT

The BC Energy Regulator (Regulator) is hereby giving notice of the intent to contract with Foundry Spatial for the purpose of maintaining and supporting of the Commission's water tools: Northeast Water Tool (NEWT), Groundwater assessment tool, and the Water Portal. The following responsibilities will be within scope of contract:

- Update Water Information Portal Data
 - Update hydrometric, weather, water quality and groundwater archived data when published by custodians.
 - Ensure nightly data feeds are collected.
 - Support and troubleshoot issues as required relating to the Commission loading of third party data. Fix bugs with data analytics as required.
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 - Adapt data collection systems to changes in third party data provider systems / protocols*
- Update Water Information Portal Software
 - Install and test updates to third party technologies.
 - Maintain PostgreSQL databases.
 - Monitor server health.
 - Support and troubleshoot bugs related to user experience.
 - Maintain support for browsers: Internet Explorer 10+, FireFox and Chrome (to be revised).
 - Ongoing updates to code base.
- Update Northeast Water Tool (NEWT)
 - Update water license and short term authorization data via nightly data feeds.
 - Install and test updates to third party technologies
 - Maintain PostgreSQL databases
 - Monitor server health
 - Maintain support for browsers: Internet Explorer 11+, Firefox and Chrome
- Update Groundwater Review Assistant (GWRA)
 - Update data in the system via nightly data feeds
 - Install and test updates to third party technologies
 - Maintain PostgreSQL databases
 - Monitor server health
 - Maintain support for browsers: Internet Explorer 11+, Firefox and Chrome"

The total value of the contract will not exceed \$72,000. This contract will cover the period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 with the option to extend the contract for two additional one year terms, at the Commission's discretion.

The Regulator has chosen not to tender this contract for the following reasons:

1. NEWT, the Water Portal and the Groundwater Assessment Tool were developed by the Contractor.
2. The Contractor has intimate knowledge of the code used and is very familiar with the operating systems the Commission uses, as well as broader government.

Vendors wishing to object to this decision should contact the procurement specialist via email Procurement@bc-er.ca on or before 2:00 p.m. local time on May 8, 2023 presenting specific reasons for their objections. Vendor ability to offer the same level of service at a lower cost in the same time frame will be the key criteria with regard to the consideration of vendor objections.

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