



ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

ES-040-17 Development of an Environmentally Sensitive Areas Strategy for the Cowichan Region

October 4, 2017

This Addendum shall be read in conjunction with and considered as an integral part of the Request for Proposals. Respondents should acknowledge the addendum on Appendix A the Submission Form.

The Addendum is as follows:

Question & Answers

Q1: We have a couple of questions about existing mapping data: are there TEM outputs available for the region? Or vegetation maps, such as rare plants and invasive species?

A1: As we are in the PMFL area of the province any VRI or TEM mapping not on the provincial data portal is not available to us as it is privileged. The CVRD has developed a watershed based atlas of available data which can be located here:

<https://geocortex.cvrld.bc.ca/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=WatershedAtlas>

This atlas brings together a number of the provincial data sets along with some data from the CVRD, member municipalities, First Nations, and local stewardship groups. Relevant data layers include:

- Invasive plants
- Invasive aquatic species
- Species at risk (provincial red & blue listed, federal critical habitat)
- Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (coverage limited to the eastern portion of the region)
- Special Ecological Features (from 2016, again limited to the eastern portion of the region)

Older state of environment reports and updates are available here:

<https://www.cvrld.bc.ca/2102/38016/Our-Natural-Environment>

Some limited Predictive Ecosystem Mapping in the Yellow point area is available. Some limited analysis (in process) of hydrologically sensitive areas will be available to the consultant if appropriate.

Some fish habitat data is available from the Community Mapping Network:

<http://cmnmaps.ca/cvrld/>

Q2: How will the Steering Committee mentioned in Section 2.1.4 be established? What will be the range of membership (e.g., residents, industry, CVRD staff, First Nations)?

A2: CVRD Staff will assemble the Steering Committee. The Committee will consist of CVRD staff plus potentially representatives from the member municipalities, First Nations, the province (BC Parks) and the Managed Forest Council.

Q3: What is the role and expected level of involvement of the Steering Committee? For example, will they be actively directing the project or more passive and only providing feedback on recommendations?

A3: The role of the Steering Committee will not be to actively direct the project. They will be participating in the Steering Committee workshop and making decisions based on recommendations from the Consultant on the big picture items – structure, scope, targets, etc. The Committee will also provide guidance to the Consultant on developing options for an Environmentally Sensitive Areas Network.

Q4: What is the role of the Steering Committee with respect to the overall development of the strategy?

A4: See answer to question 3.

Q5: Regarding Section 2.1.6, please clarify what is meant by “3 options”. Are you referring to criteria or scenarios? Or something different?

A5: Options would be different configurations for Environmentally Sensitive Areas Networks (i.e., which lands to include) which would meet (or approach) the targets for protecting environmentally sensitive areas within the region.

Q6: What is the end date for the project? That is, when are final deliverables due?

A6: March 31, 2018.

Q7: What format are the references - contact information or letter? Can references include experience of new employees from previous employment?

A7: Contact information will suffice and yes references can include experience of new employees from previous employment.

End of Addendum 1

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