



Sunshine Coast Regional District

Request for Proposal

Number: 2434502

for

Timber Pile Integrity Testing and Pile Length Determination

Issue Date:

September 6, 2024

Closing Date of

October 4, 2024, at 3:00 PM local time

CONTACT: All enquiries related to this Request for Proposal, including any requests for information and clarification, are to be submitted by September 16, 2024, and directed, in writing, to purchasing@scrd.ca, who will respond if time permits with a Q&A on BCBid by September 20, 2024. Information obtained from any other source is not official and should not be relied upon. Enquiries and any responses providing new information will be recorded and posted to BC Bid or otherwise distributed to prospective Proponents.

DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS: Proposals must be in English and must be submitted using one of the submission methods below, and must either **(1)** include a copy of this cover page that is signed by an authorized representative of the Proponent or **(2)** be submitted by using the e-bidding key on BC Bid (if applicable), in accordance with the requirements set out in the RFP.

BC Bid Electronic Submission: Proponents may submit an electronic proposal using BC Bid. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the BC Bid requirements and e-bidding key requirements (found at <https://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/>). Only pre-authorized electronic bidders registered on the BC Bid system can submit an electronic proposal using the BC Bid system. Use of an e-bidding key is effective as a signature.

Email Submission: Proponents may submit an electronic proposal by email. Proposals submitted by email should be submitted to submissions@scrd.ca in accordance with the instructions at Section 1.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of this RFP.

Regardless of submission method, proposals must be received before Closing Time to be considered.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPONENT'S INTENT TO BE BOUND:

The enclosed proposal is submitted in response to the referenced Request for Proposal, including any Addenda. By submitting a proposal the Proponent agrees to all of the terms and conditions of the RFP including the following:

- a) The Proponent has carefully read and examined the entire Request for Proposal;
- b) The Proponent has conducted such other investigations as were prudent and reasonable in preparing the proposal; and
- c) The Proponent agrees to be bound by the statements and representations made in its proposal.

PROponent NAME (please print): _____

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (please print): _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

DATE: _____

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1. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

Throughout this Request for Proposal, the following definitions apply:

"Addenda" means all additional information regarding this RFP, including amendments to the RFP; **"BC Bid"** means the BC Bid website located at <https://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/>;

"Closing Location" includes the location or email address for submissions indicated on the cover page of this RFP, or BC Bid, as applicable;

"Closing Time" means the closing time and date for this RFP as set out on the cover page of this RFP;

"Contract" means the written agreement resulting from the RFP executed by the Regional District and the successful Proponent;

"Contractor" means the successful Proponent to the RFP who enters into a Contract with the Regional District;

"Must", or "mandatory" means a requirement that must be met in order for a proposal to receive consideration;

"Proponent" means a person or entity (excluding its parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates) with the legal capacity to contract, that submits a proposal in response to the RFP;

"Proposal" means a written response to the RFP that is submitted by a Proponent;

"Request for Proposals" or "RFP" means the solicitation described in this document, including any attached or referenced appendices, schedules or exhibits and as may be modified in writing from time to time by the Regional District by Addenda; and

"Should", "may" or "weighted" means a requirement having a significant degree of importance to the objectives of the Request for Proposals.

"SCRD", "Regional District", "Organization", "we", "us", and "our" mean Sunshine Coast Regional District.

1.2 FORM OF PROPOSAL

This Proposal must be completed in its entirety. Failure to properly complete this Proposal form may cause your Proposal to be rejected. The signing officer must initial all corrections. The Sunshine Coast Regional District (Regional District) reserves the right to permit a correction, clarification or amendment to the Proposal or to correct minor errors and irregularities.

1.3 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

- a) Proposals must be submitted before Closing Time to the Closing Location using one of the

submission methods set out on the cover page of this RFP. Proposals must not be sent by fax. The Proponent is solely responsible for ensuring that, regardless of submission method selected, the Regional District receives a complete Proposal, including all attachments or enclosures, before the Closing Time.

- b) For electronic submissions (BC Bid or email), the following applies:

(i) The Proponent is solely responsible for ensuring that the complete electronic Proposal, including all attachments, is received before Closing Time;

(ii) The Regional District limits the maximum size of any single email message to 20MB or less.

(iii) Proponents should endeavour to submit emailed proposal submissions in a single message and avoid sending multiple email submissions for the same opportunity. If an electronic submission exceeds the applicable maximum single message size, the Proponent may make multiple submissions (BC Bid upload or multiple emails for the same opportunity). Proponents should identify the order and number of emails making up the email proposal submission (e.g. "email 1 of 3, email 2 of 3...");

(iv) For email proposal submissions sent through multiple emails, the Regional District reserves the right to seek clarification or reject the proposal if the Regional District is unable to determine what documents constitute the complete proposal;

(v) Attachments must not be compressed or encrypted, must not contain viruses or malware, must not be corrupted, and must be able to be opened using commonly available software (e.g. Adobe Acrobat). Proponents submitting by electronic submission are solely responsible for ensuring that any emails or attachments are not corrupted. The Regional District has no obligation to attempt to remedy any message or attachment that is received corrupted or cannot be viewed. The Regional District may reject proposals that are compressed encrypted, cannot be opened or that contain viruses or malware or corrupted attachments.

- c) For BC Bid e-submissions only pre-authorized e-bidders registered on BC Bid can submit

electronic bids on BC Bid. BC Bid is a subscription service (\$150 per year) and the registration process may take two business days to complete. If using this submission method, Proponents should refer to the BC Bid website or contact BC Bid Helpdesk at 250-387-7301 for more information. An electronic proposal submitted on BC Bid must be submitted using the e-bidding key of an authorized representative of the Proponent. Using the e-bidding key of a subcontractor is not acceptable.

- d) For email proposal submissions, including any notices of amendment or withdrawal referred to in Section 1.6, the subject line of the email and any attachment should be clearly marked with the name of the Proponent, the RFP number and the project or program title.
- e) The Regional District strongly encourages Proponents using electronic submissions to submit proposals with sufficient time to complete the upload and transmission of the complete proposal and any attachments before Closing Time.
- f) The Proponent bears all risk associated with delivering its Proposal by electronic submission, including but not limited to delays in transmission between the Proponent's computer and the Regional District Electronic Mail System or BC Bid.
- g) While the Regional District may allow for email proposal submissions, the Proponent acknowledges that email transmissions are inherently unreliable. The Proponent is solely responsible for ensuring that its complete email proposal submission and all attachments have been received before Closing Time. If the Regional District Electronic Mail System rejects an email proposal submission for any reason, and the Proponent does not successfully resubmit its proposal by the same or other permitted submission method before Closing Time, the Proponent will not be permitted to resubmit its proposal after Closing Time. The Proponent is strongly advised to contact the Regional District Contact immediately to arrange for an alternative submission method if:
 - (i) the Proponent's email proposal submission is rejected by the Regional District Electronic Mail System; or
 - (ii) the Proponent does not receive an automated response email from the Regional District confirming receipt of each and every message transmitted, within a half hour of transmission by the Proponent.

An alternate submission method may be made available, at the Regional District's discretion, immediately to arrange for an alternative submission method, and it is the Proponent's sole responsibility for ensuring that a complete proposal (and all attachments) submitted using an approved alternate submission method is received by the Regional District before the Closing Time. The Regional District makes no guarantee that an alternative submission method will be available or that the method available will ensure that a Proponent's proposal is received before Closing Time.

1.4 SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Proposals must be properly signed by an officer, employee or agent having authority to bind the Proponent by that signature.

1.5 CLARIFICATIONS, ADDENDA & MINOR IRREGULARITIES

If any Proponent finds any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the proposal documents or requires information, clarification of any provision contained therein, they shall submit their query in writing or email, addressed as follows:

Purchasing Division
Sunshine Coast Regional District
1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC V7Z 0A8

purchasing@scrd.ca

Any interpretation of, addition to, deletions from or any corrections to the proposal documents will be issued as written addendum by the Regional District.

All Addenda will be posted on BC Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the Proponent to check for Addenda on BC Bid. Proponents are strongly encouraged to subscribe to BC Bid's email notification service to receive notices of Addenda.

1.6 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISIONS

Proposals or revisions may be withdrawn by written notice provided such a notice of withdrawal is received prior to the closing date and time. Proposals withdrawn will be returned to the Proponent unopened. Revisions to the proposals already received shall be submitted only by electronic mail, or signed letter. The revision must state only the amount by which a figure is to be increased or decreased, or specific directions as to the exclusions or inclusion of particular words.

1.7 CONDUCT OF THE CONTRACT

Unless otherwise specified within this document, any queries regarding this Request for Proposal are to be

directed to purchasing@scrd.ca. No other verbal or written instruction or information shall be relied upon by the Bidder, nor will they be binding upon the Regional District.

1.8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST/NO LOBBYING

- (a) A Proponent may be disqualified if the Proponent's current or past corporate or other interests, or those of a proposed subcontractor, may, in the Regional District's opinion, give rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest in connection with the services described in the RFP. This includes, but is not limited to, involvement by a Proponent in the preparation of the RFP or a relationship with any employee, contractor or representative of the Regional District involved in preparation of the RFP, participating on the evaluation committee or in the administration of the Contract. If a Proponent is in doubt as to whether there might be a conflict of interest, the Proponent should consult with the Regional District Contact prior to submitting a proposal. By submitting a proposal, the Proponent represents that it is not aware of any circumstances that would give rise to a conflict of interest that is actual or potential, in respect of the RFP.
- (b) A Proponent must not attempt to influence the outcome of the RFP process by engaging in lobbying activities. Any attempt by the Proponent to communicate, for this purpose directly or indirectly with any employee, contractor or representative of the Regional District, including members of the evaluation committee and any elected officials of the Regional District, or with the media, may result in disqualification of the Proponent.

1.9 CONTRACT

By submitting a proposal, the Proponent agrees that should its proposal be successful the Proponent will enter into a Contract with the Regional District on substantially the same terms and Conditions set out in www.scrd.ca/bid and such other terms and conditions to be finalized to the satisfaction of the Regional District, if applicable.

1.10 SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

The Regional District adheres to its sustainable consideration factors. Proposals will be considered not only on the total cost of services, but Proposals that addresses the environment and social factors.

1.11 INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Unless otherwise agreed, the Regional District payment terms are Net 30 days following receipt of services or approved invoices, whichever is later. Original invoices are to be forwarded to the accounts payable department of the Regional District. The purchase order number assigned by the Regional District must be stated on the invoice otherwise payment may be delayed.

1.12 PRICING, CURRENCY AND TAXES

Offered prices are to be attached as a price schedule in Canadian dollars with taxes stated separately when applicable.

1.13 IRREVOCABLE OFFER

This Proposal must be irrevocable for 90 days from the Proposal closing date and time.

1.14 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Time shall be of the essence in this contract.

1.15 ASSIGNMENT

The Proponent will not, without written consent of the Regional District, assign or transfer this contract or any part thereof.

1.16 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

All documents submitted in response to this Request for Proposal shall become the property of the Regional District and as such will be subject to the disclosure provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and any requirement for disclosure of all or a part of a Proposal under that Act.

The requirement for confidentiality shall not apply to any Proposal that is incorporated into a Contract for the Work. Further, the Regional District may disclose the top scoring proponent's aggregate pricing to the Regional District Board at a public meeting, when making a recommendation for the award of the Contract.

For more information on the application of the Act, go to http://www.cio.gov.bc.ca/cio/priv_leg/index.page.

1.17 AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Purchasing Policy at the Regional District offers contracts to businesses through an open, fair and consistent competitive bidding process. This ensures that the Regional District will receive the best overall value for the goods and services it requires. The Regional District reserves the right to cancel, award all or part of the scope of work described in this document to a single Proponent or may split the award with multiple Proponents.

All awards are subject to Board approval that meets the needs as determined by the Board. The Regional District, in receipt of a submission from a Proponent, may in its sole discretion consider the Proponent to have accepted the terms and conditions herein, except those expressly excluded or changed by the Proponent in writing.

The RFP shall not be construed as an agreement to purchase goods or services. The lowest priced or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted. The RFP does not commit the Regional District in any way to award a contract and that no legal relationship or obligation regarding the procurement of any good or service will be created between Regional District and the proponent unless and until Regional District and the proponent execute a written agreement for the Deliverables

1.18 COST OF PROPOSAL

The Proponent acknowledges and agrees that the Regional District will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, damage or liability incurred by the Proponent as a result of or arising out submitting a Proposal for the proposed contract or the Regional District's acceptance or non-acceptance of their proposal. Further, except as expressly and specifically permitted herein, no Proponent shall have any claim for any compensation of any kind whatsoever, as a result of participating in this RFP, and by submitting a proposal each Proponent shall be deemed to have agreed that it has no claim.

1.19 PROPONENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the Proponent's responsibility to ensure that the terms of reference contained herein are fully understood and to obtain any further information required for this proposal call on its own initiative. The Regional District reserves the right to share, with all proponents, all questions and answers related to this bid call.

1.20 EVALUATIONS

Proposals will be evaluated in private, including proposals that were opened and read in public, if applicable. Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria.

If only one Proposal is received, the Regional District reserves the right to open the Proposal in private or if the total bid price exceeds the estimated budget for the Contract, the Regional District may cancel and re-tender, accept, not accept and cancel or re-scope the Work seeking a better response, with or without any substantive changes being made to the solicitation documents. If more than one Proposal is received from the same Proponent, the last Proposal received,

as determined by the Regional District, will be the only Proposal considered.

1.21 ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

The submission of the Proposal constitutes the agreement of the Proponent that all of the terms and conditions of the RFP are accepted by the Proponent and incorporated in its Proposal, except those conditions and provisions which are expressly excluded and clearly stated as excluded by the Proponent's proposal.

1.22 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Proposals not clearly demonstrating that they meet the mandatory requirements will receive no further consideration during the evaluation process.

1.23 INSURANCE & WCB

The Proponent shall obtain and continuously hold for the term of the contract, insurance coverage with the Regional District Listed as "Additional Insured" the minimum limits of not less than those stated below:

- (a) Commercial General Liability – not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- (b) Marine Liability insurance on all watercraft of any kind operated or used in the performance of the contract, in an amount not less than the limits of liability imposed by the Marine Liability Act and in any event not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- (c) Error & Omissions Insurance – not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence
- (d) A provision requiring the Insurer to give the Owners a minimum of 30 days' notice of cancellation or lapsing or any material change in the insurance policy;

The Proponent must comply with all applicable laws and bylaws within the jurisdiction of the work. The Proponent must further comply with all conditions and safety regulations of the Workers' Compensation Act of British Columbia and must be in good standing during the term of any contract entered into from this process.

1.24 COLLUSION

Except otherwise specified or as arising by reason of the provisions of these documents, no person, or corporation, other than the Proponent has or will have any interest or share in this proposal or in the proposal contract which may be completed in respect thereof. There is no collusion or arrangement between the Proponent and any other actual or prospective Proponent in connection with proposals submitted for this project and the Proponent has no knowledge of the context of other proposals and has no comparison of figures or agreement or

arrangement, express or implied, with any other party in connection with the making of the proposal.

1.25 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Proponents shall disclose in its Proposal any actual or potential conflict of interest and existing business relationship it may have with the Regional District, its elected or appointed officials or employees.

1.26 LIABILITY FOR ERRORS

While the Regional District has used considerable efforts to ensure an acute representation of information in these bid documents, the information contained is supplied solely as a guideline for Proponents. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the Regional District nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive.

1.27 TRADE AGREEMENTS

This RFP is covered by trade agreements between the Regional District and other jurisdictions, including the following:

- a) Canadian Free Trade Agreement; and
- b) New West Partnership Trade Agreement.

1.28 LAW

This contract and any resultant award shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia, which shall be deemed the proper law thereof.

1.29 REPRISAL CLAUSE

Tenders will not be accepted by the Regional District from any person, corporation, or other legal entity (the "Party") if the Party, or any officer or director of a corporate Party, is, or has been within a period of two years prior to the tender closing date, engaged either directly or indirectly through another corporation or legal entity in a legal proceeding initiated in any court against the Regional District in relation to any contract with, or works or services provided to, the Regional District; and any such Party is not eligible to submit a tender.

1.30 FORCE MAJEURE (ACT OF GOD)

Neither party shall be liable for any failure of or delay in the performance of this Agreement for the period that such failure or delay is due to causes beyond its reasonable control including but not limited to acts of God, war, strikes or labour disputes, embargoes, government orders or any other force majeure event. The Regional District may terminate the Contract by notice if the event lasts for longer than 30 days.

1.31 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF PROPONENT

A proponent should identify any information in its proposal or any accompanying documentation supplied in confidence for which confidentiality is to be maintained by Regional District. The confidentiality of such information will be maintained by Regional District, except the total proposed value, which must be publicly released for all proposals, or otherwise required by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FOIPPA"), law or by order of a court or tribunal. Proponents are advised that their proposals will, as necessary, be disclosed, on a confidential basis, to advisers retained by Regional District to advise or assist with the RFP process, including the evaluation of proposals. If a proponent has any questions about the collection and use of personal information pursuant to this RFP, questions are to be submitted to the RFP Contact.

1.32 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All unresolved disputes arising out of or in connection with this Proposal or in respect of any contractual relationship associated therewith or derived therewith shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration as prescribed by Mediate BC services pursuant to its rules, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the parties.

1.33 DEBRIEFING

At the conclusion of the RFP process, all Proponents will be notified. Proponents may request a debriefing meeting with the Regional District.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Purpose

This document describes the requirements for the Timber Pile Integrity Testing and Pile Length Determination – Request for Proposals (RFP) for four (4) port facilities of the Regional District. The Ports are located on Gambier Island and Keats Island, west of Horseshoe Bay, BC.

The Regional District is looking for competent and professional Proponents that have experience with timber pile integrity testing and length determination to perform the scope as per specified in this RFP.

3. SITUATION/OVERVIEW

3.1 Background

Four ports as shown in Figure 1 are going through capital upgrades. The port facilities are owned by the Regional District and are a few decades old.

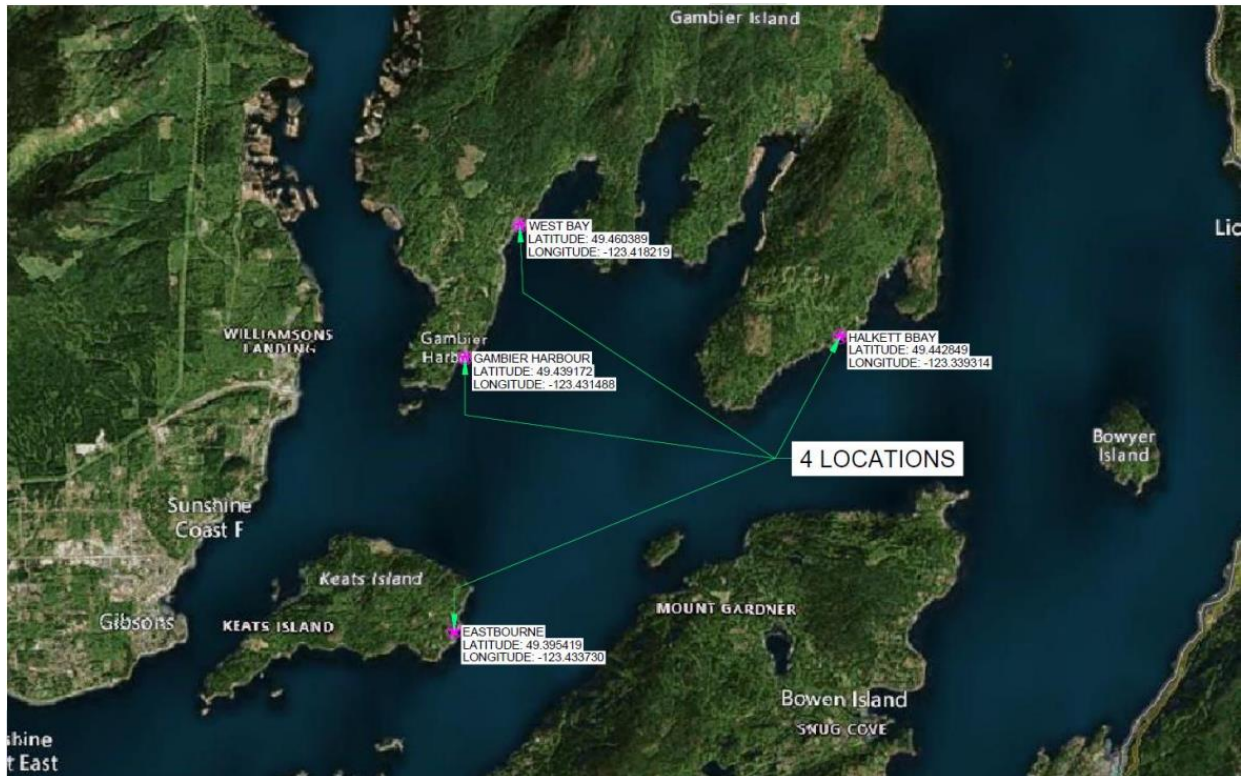


Figure 1. Location of the project – four (4) ports

Gambier Harbour:	Latitude: 49.439172	Longitude:	-123.431488
Eastbourne:	Latitude: 49.395419	Longitude:	-123.433730
West Bay:	Latitude: 49.460389	Longitude:	-123.418219
Halkett Bay:	Latitude: 49.442849	Longitude:	-123.339314

3.2 Project Objectives

As part of this project, there are several timber piles that are identified for replacement at all four (4) sites. The existing timber piles are typically 305mm in diameter.

For the procurement of a contractor for construction, and also to reduce the risk during construction, the length and integrity of the driven timber piles (existing piles) as well as their embedment lengths shall be determined by the successful Proponent under this agreement.

In order to determine the integrity, length and embedment length of piles, a method called Pile Integrity Testing, also known as Sonic Echo Testing and low strain dynamic testing (as per ASTM D5882-00 – Standard Test Method for Low Strain Integrity Testing of Piles) can be used among other methods and standards. The Regional District is open to suggestions from the Proponents regarding the methodology and the testing equipment given that it meets the requirements and limitations in place and provides the required outputs.

3.3 Scope

The scope of work is as per items below:

- Visual assessment of the piles (no diving required for visual inspection).
 - Test the piles for their integrity, length and their embedment length.
 - Report all the deficiencies visible to the inspectors.
 - Report all the values of tests and take pictures of the piles.
 - The list of piles that needs to be tested are below.
- Please note not all the piles listed here will be replaced.

Number	Location/Port	Pile to be tested
1	Gambier Harbour	Pile 12C
2	Gambier Harbour	Pile 11D
3	Gambier Harbour	Pile 13D
4	Eastbourne	Pile 7B
5	Eastbourne	Pile 13B
6	Eastbourne	Pile 17A
7	Eastbourne	Pile 17B
8	Eastbourne	Pile 17C
9	West Bay	Pile 6A
10	West Bay	Pile 9A
11	West Bay	Pile 20A
12	Halkett Bay	Pile 6C
13	Halkett Bay	Pile 9C
14	Halkett Bay	Pile 12B

3.4 Limitations and Restrictions

The ports are accessible from Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver, BC using water taxis. There are several commercial companies that operate in this area. If access to the side of the piles is needed, it can be done by boat. However, keep in mind that access may be restricted during low tide, as boats might not be able to reach the area at that time.

There are no restrictions on access to these facilities; however, the Regional District and their consultant (CIMA+) will need to be notified at least 72 hours before any inspection or test. It is anticipated that the docks will not be closed for inspections. However, if the Proponent requires the facilities to be closed to the public during inspections and testing, they will need to provide a rationale and indicate the duration of the closure in their proposal. These facilities are very popular in the summer, so it is preferred that the ports remain open during inspections.

As shown in Figure 2 through Figure 10, the piles might not be readily accessible from the top. Pilecap and decking is installed above the piles which makes it challenging to access the top of the pile. The Proponents shall elaborate in their methodology on how they intend to perform non-destructive tests.

Please note as the test and inspection will happen prior to the capital upgrade construction, the structure cannot be unsupported, and it cannot be left damaged. **Any destruction or modification to the structure (pile, decking, stringer, pile cap, etc.) shall be restored to existing or better conditions by the successful Proponent.** For example, if decking is cut or removed, it will be replaced or reinstalled; or if top of the pile is cut, it needs to be fixed.



Figure 2-1 Gambier Harbour – Typical arrangement of timber piles

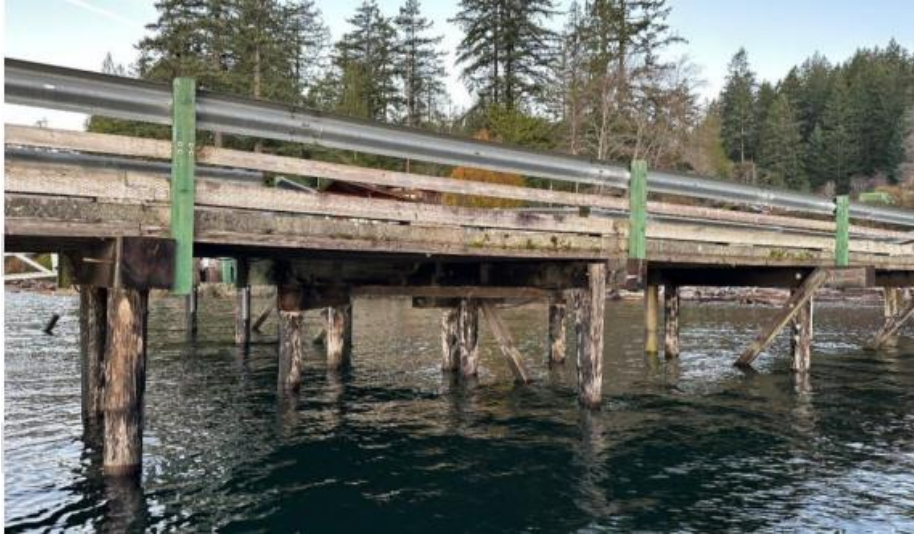


Figure 2-2. Gambier Harbour – Typical arrangement of timber piles



Figure 3. Gambier Harbour - Approach



Figure 4. Gambier Harbour -Bent 11

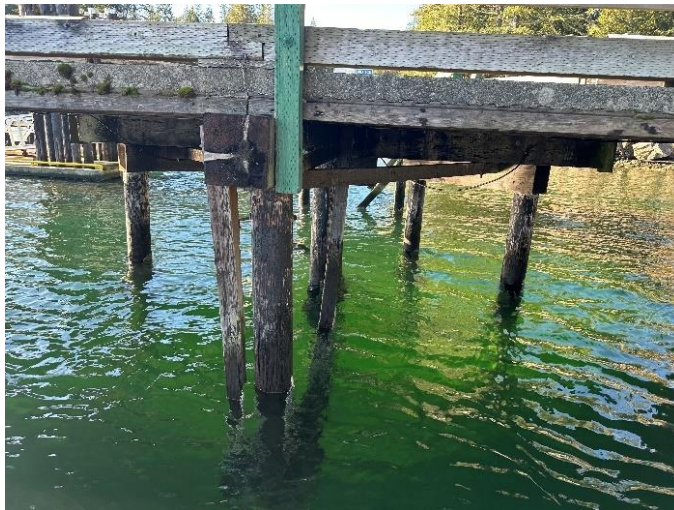


Figure 5. Gambier Harbour -11

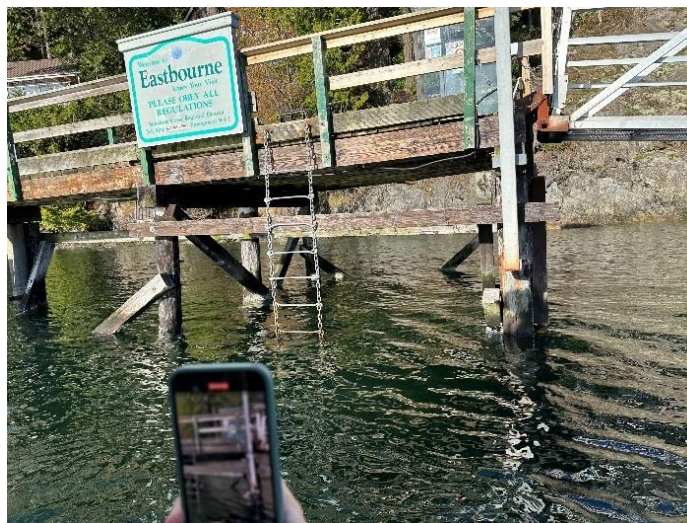


Figure 6. Eastbourne



Figure 7. Eastbourne



Figure 8. Eastbourne



Figure 9. Eastbourne

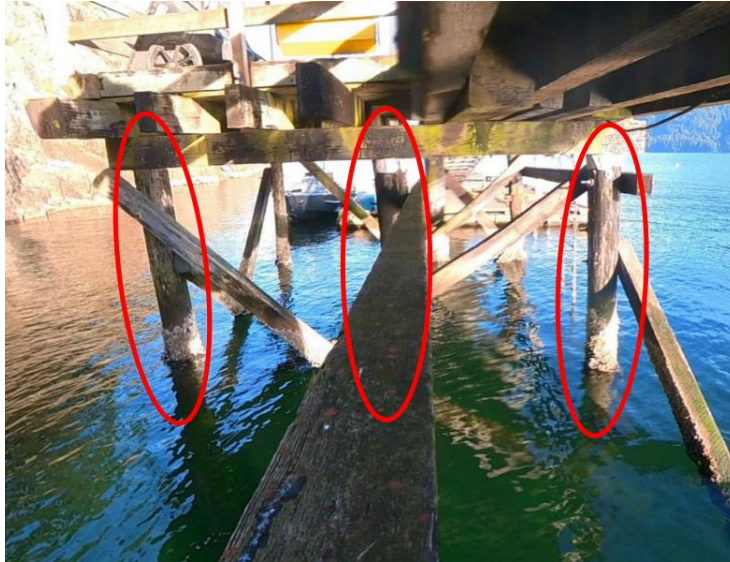


Figure 10. Eastbourne – Bent 17 – All three (3) piles to be tested



Figure 11. West Bay – Overall View of the port facility



Figure 12. West Bay Pile 6A – to be tested

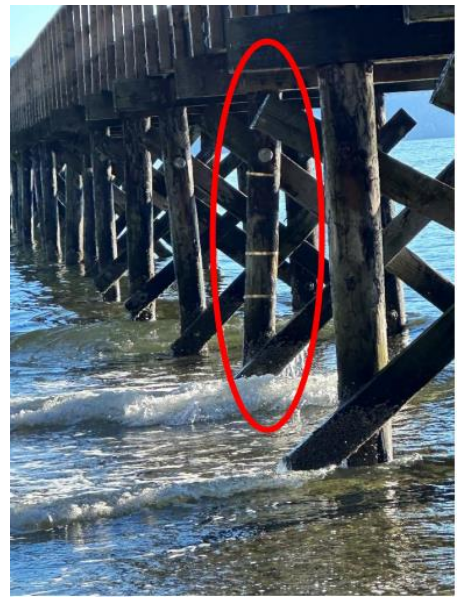


Figure 13. West Bay Pile 9A to be tested



Figure 14. West Bay Pile 20A – to be tested



Figure 15. Halkett Bay – Overall View of the facility

4. CONTRACT

4.1 General Contract Terms and Conditions

Proponents should review carefully the terms and conditions set out in the General Service Contract, including the Schedules. The General Contract terms can be found at: www.scrd.ca/bid.

4.2 Service Requirements

The Contractor shall provide a draft technical report for review and a final version signed and sealed by a professional engineer that is licenced to practice in BC that includes the complete documentation including but not limited to:

- a) Testing Methodology.
- b) Test results for each of the piles (a table of all the tested piles, numbers, locations, pile length, embedment length, integrity, etc.).
- c) Summary of the visual assessment with pictures.
- d) Test accuracy and reliability.

4.3 Related Documents

Available reference information can be found in appendices (not Issue for Construction documents, for geographical reference only):

- a) Appendix A: Gambier Harbour Markup drawings
- b) Appendix B: Eastbourne Markup drawings
- c) Appendix C: Wast Bay Markup drawings
- d) Appendix D: Halkett Bay Markup drawings

5. REQUIREMENTS

In order for a proposal to be considered, a Proponent must clearly demonstrate that they meet the mandatory requirements set out in Section 7.1 (Mandatory Criteria) of the RFP.

This section includes “Response Guidelines” which are intended to assist Proponents in the development of their proposals in respect of the weighted criteria set out in Section 7.2 of the RFP. The Response Guidelines are not intended to be comprehensive. Proponents should use their own judgement in determining what information to provide to demonstrate that the Proponent meets or exceeds the Regional District’s expectations.

Please address each of the following items in your proposal in the order presented. **Proponents may find it helpful to use the individual Response Guidelines as headings for proposal responses.**

5.1 Capabilities

Proponents shall include their capabilities to complete the scope identified herein. They shall show their relevant organizational experience, key personnel, and connection to the community. Proponents shall demonstrate the following:

- **Technical Expertise:** an overview of the team's qualifications, including relevant experience in similar projects, technical certifications, and specialized skills pertinent to the scope of work.
- **Resources and Equipment:** A summary of the resources, equipment, and tools available to the Proponent that will be dedicated to this project.
- **Team Structure and Availability:** An organizational chart or description of the proposed project team, including key personnel, their roles, and their availability throughout the project timeline.
- **Health and Safety Compliance:** Evidence of adherence to health and safety regulations, particularly those applicable to working near water. The work is on marine structures, so proponents need to be prepared with suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Proponents should clearly demonstrate that they possess the necessary capabilities to carry out the project to the highest standards.

5.1.1 Relevant Experience

Proponents need to provide detailed descriptions of at least three (3) similar projects in the past five (5) years that they have completed with a similar scope and complexity. Examples of past projects should demonstrate the Proponent's ability to manage and execute work of similar scope and complexity.

Include the following for each project:

- Project name and location.
- Client name and contact information.

- Scope of work performed, highlighting any aspects that are particularly relevant to this RFP.
- Budget, and whether the project was completed within the specified budget

5.1.2 References

Proponents need to provide a minimum of 3 references (i.e. names and contact information) of individuals who can verify the quality of work provided specific to the relevant experience of the Proponent and of any subcontractors named in the proposal. References from the Proponent's own organization or from named subcontractors are not acceptable.

The Regional District reserves the right to seek additional references independent of those supplied by the Proponent, including internal references in relation to the Proponent's and any subcontractor's performance under any past or current contracts with the Regional District or other verifications as are deemed necessary by it to verify the information contained in the proposal and to confirm the suitability of the Proponent.

5.1.3 Environmental Requirements

We understand that the work does not require environmental permits since it's non-destructive and will be performed above the water. However, if any permit is required, Proponents shall clearly mention that in their response.

Environmental work procedures, timing and special precautions shall be in accordance with the requirements and limitations of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Provincial Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

5.1.4 Schedule

The Proponent shall provide a schedule for the inspection and submitting deliverables. Schedule should include the following, at minimum:

- Inspection schedule and its duration.
- Draft report period.
- Review period for the Regional District and their consultant.
- Final report period.
- If the work requires timing based on the tides.

5.2 Sustainable Social Procurement

A factor in the Regional District evaluation process is sustainable social procurement and the evaluation of proposals will take this into consideration.

As part of any submission the Proponent is encouraged to identify how they may contribute to the following key social, employment and economical goals, but not limited to the following:

- a) Contribute to a stronger local economy by:
 - promoting a Living Wage
 - Using fair employment practices;

- Increase training and apprenticeship opportunities;
- b) Local expertise knowledge by:
 - Being locally owned;
 - Utilization of local subcontractors;
- c) Environmental Cost of Ownership;
- d) Energy efficient products;
- e) Minimal or environmental friendly use of packing materials; and
- f) Reducing hazardous materials (toxics and ozone depleting substances).

5.3 Approach

Proponents need to provide a detailed description of their proposed methodology for this work, including the specific testing techniques, methods for accessing the piles, and procedures for conducting the tests. Each testing method should comply with relevant standards, such as ASTM, ISO, or CSA, which need to be clearly identified. Additionally, Proponents should describe the accuracy, reliability, and confidence level of each chosen technique, supported by relevant data or references.

The Regional District and their consultant welcome suggestions for different types of tests. If Proponents believe that low strain dynamic testing may yield inconclusive results, they should propose an alternative method, detailing the approach, applicable standards, and the expected reliability and confidence level.

The Proponents shall describe the limitations of their testing methodology and any other factors that may influence the accuracy or reliability of the test results. This includes potential environmental constraints, equipment limitations, or site-specific challenges that could affect data collection or interpretation. Additionally, Proponents shall mention any assumptions that will be made during the testing process and outline the steps taken to mitigate these limitations.

Proponents need to advise if the facilities to be closed to the public during inspections and testing, they will need to provide a rationale and indicate the duration of the closure in their proposal.

5.4 Site Safety Plan

Proponents need to provide a site safety plan that outlines how the work will be performed safely. The plan needs to be compliant with Work Safe BC and Technical Safety BC regulations and guidelines and should include details on how they will access the site, ensure the safety of all staff members and any members of the public, details on traffic control measures and any other safety considerations that are required to perform work of this nature.

5.5 Price

Proponents will submit a Fixed Fee proposal that outlines the separate costs for testing, mobilization, and other disbursements. Disbursements should be presented as an all-inclusive cost covering travel, meals, and other expenses. Payment will be made as a lump sum once the final deliverables are submitted.

Prices quoted will be deemed to be:

- in Canadian dollars;
- inclusive of duty, FOB destination, and delivery charges where applicable; and
- exclusive of any applicable taxes.

The Regional District may request additional tests on other piles while inspectors are on-site. Therefore, proponents shall also submit a unit price for testing per pile, in case additional tests are required during the project. The additional tests (if required) will be conducted within the four previously mentioned locations. These will be communicated to the successful proponent in a timely manner to avoid the need for multiple mobilizations to the sites.

6. PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proponents should ensure that they fully respond to all requirements in the RFP in order to receive full consideration during evaluation.

The following format, sequence, and instructions should be followed in order to provide consistency in Proponent response and ensure each proposal receives full consideration. All pages should be consecutively numbered.

- a) Signed cover page (see section 7.1 Mandatory Criteria).
- b) Table of contents including page numbers.
- c) A short (one or two page) summary of the key features of the proposal.
- d) The body of the proposal, including pricing, i.e. the "Proponent Response".
- e) Appendices, appropriately tabbed and referenced.
- f) Identification of Proponent (legal name)
- g) Identification of Proponent contact (if different from the authorized representative) and contact information.

7. EVALUATION

Evaluation of proposals will be by a committee formed by the Regional District and may include other employees and contractors.

The Regional District's intent is to enter into a Contract with the Proponent who has met all mandatory criteria and minimum scores (if any) and who has the highest overall ranking.

Proposals will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the RFP, including mandatory and weighted criteria.

The Regional District reserves the right to be the sole judge of a qualified proponent.

The Evaluation Committee may, at its discretion, request clarifications or additional information from a Proponent with respect to any Proposal, and the Evaluation Committee may make such requests to only selected Proponents. The Evaluation Committee may consider such clarification or additional information in evaluating a Proposal.

7.1 Mandatory Criteria

Proposals not clearly demonstrating that they meet the following mandatory criteria will be excluded from further consideration during the evaluation process.

Mandatory Criteria
The proposal must be received at the Closing Location before the Closing Time.
The proposal must be in English.
The proposal must be submitted using one of the submission methods set out on the cover page of the RFP
The proposal must either (1) include a copy of the Confirmation of Proponent's Intent to be Bound that is signed by an authorized representative of the Proponent, this is also required for email submissions or (2) be submitted by using the e-bidding key on BC Bid (if applicable), in accordance with the requirements set out in the RFP

7.2 Weighted Criteria

Proposals meeting all of the mandatory criteria will be further assessed against the following weighted criteria.

Weighted Criteria	Weight (%)
Capabilities	20
Approach & Site Safety Plan	30
Schedule	20
Sustainable Social Procurement	5
Price	25
TOTAL	100

7.3 Price Evaluation

The lowest priced Proposal will receive full points for pricing. All other prices will be scored using the following formula: lowest priced proposal/price of this proposal* total points available for price.

Appendix A - Gambier Engineering Drawings

(provided as a separate document)

Appendix B - Eastbourne Engineering Drawings

(provided as a separate document)

Appendix C - West Bay Engineering Drawings

(provided as a separate document)

Appendix D - Halkett Bay Engineering Drawings

(provided as a separate document)