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Yukon Environmental and
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YESAB: Executive Committee Screening of the Eagle Gold Mine
Extension Project

Engineering and Geotechnical Technical Support Services

Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2022-006

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Summary of Key Information

RFP Title	<p>The title of this RFP is:</p> <p>YESAB: Executive Committee Screening of the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project – Engineering and Geotechnical Technical Support Services</p> <p>RFP No. 2022-006</p>
YESAB Representative	<p>The YESAB representative for this RFP is:</p> <p>Rox-Ann Duchesne Senior Assessment Officer</p> <p>Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board Suite 200 - 309 Strickland Street Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, Y1A 2J9</p> <p>E: roxann.duchesne@yesab.ca P: 867.668.6420 F: 867.668.6425</p>
Closing Time and Date	<p>The Closing Time is:</p> <p>4:00 PM GMT -7 (Yukon Standard Time) on Tuesday September 6, 2022</p>
Submission Location	<p>Proposals are to be submitted via email to yesab@yesab.ca</p> <p>Attention: Rox-Ann Duchesne, Senior Assessment Officer</p>

YESAB: Executive Committee Screening of the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project

RFP No. 2022-006

1. Instruction to Bidders

A. Request

The Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (“YESAB”) requests proposals in response to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) from technical experts or firms (“Bidders”) interested in entering into a contract (the “Services Agreement”) for providing Technical Support Services related to Engineering and Geotechnical as further described in **Appendix “D” – Services** and **Appendix “E” – Future Possible Services**. Technical Support Services will be provided to the Executive Committee AS REQUIRED for the duration of the pre-submission engagement (“PSE”) and screening of the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project. Bidders interested in submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP will have the required knowledge and experience described in **Appendix “C” – Knowledge and Experience Required**. Bidders knowledge will include the following areas:

1. Design, construction, operation, reclamation, decommissioning, closure and post-closure monitoring of mining activities and infrastructure including heap leach facilities.
2. Civil engineering.
3. Geotechnical engineering.
4. Permafrost, ground ice and ground thermal conditions.
5. Informing and evaluating:
 - a. the collection of baseline conditions relevant to mining activities and infrastructure prior to implementation of project activities;
 - b. predictions on how these baseline conditions may change during the implementation of project activities and after closure; and
 - c. implications of accidents and malfunctions, effects of the environment, climate change and extreme events.
6. Codes, standards, guidelines, practices, adaptive management and best available technology for mitigating potential adverse effects of mining activities and infrastructure to human health and safety and environmental quality.

Bidders will have experience relevant to the provision of Services including experience with the assessment process under the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (“YESAA”) and/or other regimes, experience working in Yukon and/or the north and experience understanding the Yukon’s environmental and socio-economic characteristics.

Bidders interested in submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP must submit their Proposal in accordance with the instructions set out in **Appendix F – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format**. Specifically Bidders will submit one Price Proposal and one Technical Support Services Proposal for the Services described in **Appendix “D” – Services** and the associated deliverables set out within the same appendix in *Table 1 – Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal*.

YESAB will evaluate proposals in accordance with criteria set out in **Appendix F – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format** to determine the Preferred Bidder, and may enter into a Service Agreement with the Preferred Bidder. Schedule A to that agreement will be to complete the scope of work

outlined in **Appendix “D” – Services**.

YESAB may enter into subsequent Schedules with the Preferred Bidder for some or all of the Services set out in **Appendix “E” – Future Possible Services**. The process for establishing subsequent Schedules for future possible services will be set out in the Service Agreement.

B. Closing Time and Date for Submission of Proposals

Bidders should submit one (1) digital copy of each part of their Proposal, in accordance with the instructions contained herein, to the Submission Location:

Email: yesab@yesab.ca

Attention: Rox-Ann Duchesne
Senior Assessment Officer

On or before the following date and time (the “Closing Time”):

Time: **4:00 PM GMT -7 (Yukon Standard Time)**

Date: **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

Electronic submissions are considered received based on the time and date stamp of the recipient’s inbox. YESAB reserves the right to extend the Closing Time at its sole discretion.

C. Not a Tender

As opposed to an Invitation to Tender, this is a public request that Proposals be developed and submitted to YESAB. YESAB will consider entering into a Contract with the Bidder(s) who submits the most acceptable Proposal, which will be determined using the evaluation factors set out in this RFP.

D. Proposal Documents

Please use and reference the above RFP number on all correspondence. Bidders are advised to read and respond appropriately to all sections of the RFP. Incomplete Proposals may be rejected at the sole discretion of YESAB.

E. Inquiries

All inquiries regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to the YESAB Representative named above. Inquiries must be made no less than three business days prior to Closing Time. Bidders finding discrepancies or omissions in the RFP, or having doubts as to the meaning or intent of any provision, should immediately notify the YESAB Representative. If YESAB determines that an amendment is required to the RFP, the YESAB Representative will issue a written amendment to our website (www.yesab.ca). No oral conversation will affect or modify the terms of this RFP or may be relied upon by any Bidder.

Meetings will not be held with individual Bidders prior to the Closing Time of the RFP.

F. Late Proposals

Proposals received after the Closing Time will not be accepted or considered. Proposals are considered to have been received at the time and date stamp on yesab@yesab.ca inbox. Delays in email delivery

including email messages that are rejected by a mail server (i.e., bounced email) are the Bidders responsibility and will not be grounds for an extension of the Closing Time. Proposals received after the Closing Time will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

G. Amendments to Proposals

Proposals may be revised by written amendment, prior to the Closing Time, provided the amendments are delivered to the Submission Location. An amendment should be signed by an authorized signatory of the Bidder in the same manner as provided in Section 2.3.

H. Irrevocability

Proposals are irrevocable for 150 days from the Closing Time.

I. Addenda

YESAB may, in its absolute discretion, amend or clarify the terms or contents of this RFP at any time before the Closing Time by posting a written Addendum. Written Addenda are the only means of amending or clarifying this RFP, and no other form of communication, whether written or oral, including written or responses to inquiries as provided in *Inquiries* will be included in, or will in any way amend or clarify this RFP.

Addenda will be incorporated into and become a part of this RFP, and all Addenda will be posted to [YESAB - Employment & Contracts](#). Proponents are solely responsible to ensure that they have received the complete RFP, as listed in the Table of Contents, plus any Addenda as posted to [YESAB - Employment & Contracts](#). YESAB accepts no responsibility for any Bidder that does not receive all RFP information.

J. Examination of Proposal Documents

Each Bidder will be deemed to have carefully examined and understood the requirements and limitations of the RFP and Appendices prior to preparing and submitting a Proposal, with respect to any and all facts which may influence the decision to prepare and submit a Proposal.

2. Proposal Submission Form and Contents

A. Package – Two Document Process

Each Proposal must be submitted using a two-document process. One document (Document A) must contain the Bidders proposed price and proposed rate structure and be clearly marked “**Price Proposal**” and the other document (Document B) must contain the remainder of the Proposal and be clearly marked “**Technical Support Services Proposal**” with no reference to price.

B. Form of Proposal

Bidders must submit their Proposal in accordance with the instructions set out in **Appendix “F” – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format**.

C. Signature

The Proposal must be signed by a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder and include the following:

- i. If the Bidder is a corporation, then the full legal name of the corporation should be included together with the names of the authorized signatories. The Proposal should be executed by all of the authorized signatories or by one or more of them, provided that a copy of the corporate resolution authorizing those persons to execute the Proposal on behalf of the corporation is submitted.
- ii. If the Bidder is a partnership or joint venture, then the legal name of the partnership or joint venture and the name of each partner or joint venture should be included and each partner or joint venture should sign personally (or, if one or more person(s) having signing authority for the partnership or joint venture should provide evidence to the satisfaction of YESAB that the person(s) signing have signing authority for the partnership or joint venture). If a partner or joint venture is a corporation, then such corporation should sign as indicated in subsection (a) above.
- iii. If the Bidder is an individual, including sole proprietorship, the name of the individual should be included.

3. Evaluation and Selection

A. Evaluation Process

The evaluation of Proposals will be guided by **Appendix "F" – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format**. The evaluation will be conducted by an Evaluation Team established by YESAB that will evaluate each proposal to determine which is most advantageous to YESAB.

B. Evaluation of Price

The price of bids will be evaluated in Canadian dollars, GST excluded.

C. Additional Information

The Evaluation Team may, at its discretion, request clarification or additional information from any Bidder with respect to any Proposal. The Evaluation Team may consider such clarifications or additional information in evaluating a Proposal.

D. Multiple Preferred Proposals

YESAB reserves the right and discretion to divide up the Services and to select one or more preferred Bidders to enter into discussions and/or negotiations with YESAB for one or more Services Agreements to perform all or a portion or portions of the Services. In addition to any other provision of this RFP, Proposals may be evaluated on the basis of advantages and disadvantages to YESAB that might result or be achieved from YESAB dividing up the Services and entering into one or more Service Agreements with one or more Bidders.

E. Negotiation of Contract and Award

If YESAB selects one or more Preferred Bidders, then it may enter into a Services Agreement with the

Preferred Bidders, or enter into discussions with the Preferred Bidders to attempt to negotiate the terms of a Services Agreement, and such discussions may include but are not limited to negotiating amendments to the Scope of Services and the Preferred Bidder's Price.

If at any time YESAB reasonably forms the opinion that a mutually acceptable Contract is not likely to be reached within a reasonable time, YESAB may give the Preferred Bidder written notice to terminate discussion, in which event YESAB may then either open discussions and /or negotiations with another Bidder or Bidders, or may terminate the RFP and retain or obtain Services in some other manner.

Bidders will be notified in writing when a Services Agreement has been awarded.

4. General Conditions

A. No YESAB Obligation

This RFP does not commit YESAB in any way to select a Preferred Bidder or to proceed to discussions or negotiations for a Services Agreement, or to award any Services Agreement and YESAB reserves the complete right to, at any time, reject all Proposals, and to terminate this RFP process for any reason.

As set out in 4J of this RFP, if YESAB terminates this RFP process for any reason, YESAB may take actions including but not limited re-advertising for new Proposals, call for quotes, proposals or tenders, or enter into negotiations for the Services or for work of a similar nature.

B. Bidders Expenses

Bidders are solely responsible for their own expenses in preparing and submitting Proposals, as well as for any meetings, negotiations or discussion with YESAB relating to or arising from this RFP.

C. Conflict of Interest

A Bidder will disclose in its Proposal any existing business relationships it may have with YESAB, its appointed officials or its employees. A Bidder must also disclose in its Proposal all Conflicts of Interest pertinent to the Services. These include, but are not limited to, existing business relationships which a Bidder may have with the Proponent and other likely parties to the assessment.

A Bidder will also represent that:

- i. it presently has no interest and shall not directly or indirectly acquire any interest which would give rise to a Conflict of Interest;
- ii. no persons or entities having any such interests shall be employed by the Bidder to perform the Services; and
- iii. if the Bidder is selected as the Preferred Bidder for the Services, they shall not submit a proposal or other expressions of interest to other entities, including the Proponent, which would give rise to a Conflict of Interest without the prior written consent of YESAB.

D. Solicitation of YESAB Employees and Board Members

Bidders and their agents will not contact any member of the YESAA Board or YESAB employees with respect to this RFP, other than the YESAB Representative, at any time prior to entering into a Contract or the cancellation of this RFP.

E. Disclaimers/Limitations of Liability

Each Bidder, by submitting a Proposal, agrees that in no event will YESAB or any of its Board Members, employees, advisors or representatives, be liable, under any circumstances, for any Claim, or to reimburse or compensate the Bidder in any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to costs of preparation of the Bidder, loss of anticipated profits, loss of opportunity, or for any other matter. Without in any way limiting the above, each Bidder specifically agrees that it will have absolutely no Claim against YESAB or any of its Board Members, employees, advisors or representatives if YESAB for any reason whatsoever:

- i. does not select a Bidder;
- ii. suspends, cancels or in any way modifies the Services or the selection process (including modification of the scope of the Services or modification of this RFP or both); and/or
- iii. accepts any compliant or non-compliant Proposal or selects a shortlist of one or more Bidder(s).

The Bidder waives any and all Claims whatsoever, including Claims for loss of profits or loss of opportunity, if the Bidder is not selected as Preferred Bidder or for any other reason whatsoever.

F. Confidentiality

The RFP documents, or any portion thereof and any other confidential information to which a Bidder may have access as a result of this RFP process, may not be used by a Bidder for any purpose other than submission of Proposals.

By submitting a Proposal, every Bidder agrees not to divulge, release or otherwise use any information that has been given to it or acquired by it from YESAB on a confidential basis as a result of or during the course of the RFP process.

G. Ownership of Proposals and Access to Information

Each Proposal submitted, as well as any other documents received from a Bidder, become the property of YESAB, and as such is subject to the federal *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) and the *Privacy Act* (PA). ATIA grants a general right of access to such records, but also includes grounds for refusing the disclosure of certain information.

Bidders are asked to specifically identify information contained in their Proposal that is submitted on a confidential basis. Subject to any requirement for access under ATIA, YESAB will hold in confidence any such information received from a Bidder. However, YESAB specifically reserves the right to distribute information about any Proposal internally to its own employees and Board members where the distribution of that information is considered by YESAB to be necessary to its internal consultation process.

H. Time

The timing for the submission and receipt of Proposals and any amendments thereto should be determined by reference to YESAB local area network time.

I. Acceptance of Terms

The submission of a Proposal constitutes the agreement of the Bidder that all the terms and conditions of this RFP are accepted by the Bidder and incorporated in its Proposal.

J. Reservation of Rights

YESAB reserves the right, in its discretion, to exercise any or all of the following rights:

- i. Amend the scope of the Services, modify, cancel or suspend the RFP process or any or all stages of the RFP process, at any time for any reason;
- ii. Accept or reject any Proposal based on the Evaluation Criteria as evaluated by YESAB;
- iii. Disqualify a Proposal that fails to comply with this RFP, or for any other reason the YESAB determines appropriate;
- iv. Waive a defect, irregularity, non-conformity or non-compliance in or with respect to a Proposal or failure to comply with the requirements of this RFP, and accept that Proposal even if such a defect, irregularity, non-conformity or non-compliance or failure to comply with the requirements of this RFP would otherwise render the Proposal null and void;
- v. Not accept any or all Proposals;
- vi. Reject or disqualify any or all Proposal(s) for any reason without any obligation, compensation or reimbursement to any Bidder or any of its team members;
- vii. Re-advertise for new Proposals, call for quotes, proposals or tenders, or enter into negotiations for the Services or for work of a similar nature;
- viii. Make any changes to the terms of the business opportunity described in this RFP; and
- ix. Amend, from time to time, any date, any time period or deadline provided in this RFP, upon posting notice to our website (www.yesab.ca).

5. Interpretation

A. Definitions

In this RFP:

“Addenda” or “Addendum” means each amendment to this RFP issued by the YESAB Representative as described in H Addenda.

“Bidder” means any company, firm, consortium or other legal entity that submits or intends to submit a Proposal in response to the RFP.

“Bidders Representative” means the person, identified in **Appendix “G” – Proposal Declaration Form**, who is fully authorized to represent the Bidder in any and all matters related to its Proposal.

“Bidder’s Team” includes the Bidders Representative and Key Individuals.

“Business Day(s)” means a standard day for conducting business, excluding government holidays and weekends.

“Claim” means any claim, demand, liability, damage, loss, suit, action, or cause of action, whether arising in Contract, tort or otherwise, and all costs and expenses relating thereto.

“Closing Time” means the time and date indicated set out above in *1. Instructions to Bidders – B. Closing Time and Date for Submission of Proposals*.

“Conflict of interest” includes a reasonable apprehension of bias and means a situation in which:

- a. the Bidder has other interests that have the potential to, or could reasonably be seen to,

improperly influence their performance of the Services, should they be selected as the Preferred Bidder. These include, but are not limited to, business relationships which a Bidder may have with the Proponent and other parties to the assessment; or

- b. the Bidder, or the Bidders employees, use their professional relationship with YESAB for personal gain.

Conflicts of Interest may be real, potential or perceived. Real conflicts already exist because of current or past circumstances or relationships. Potential conflicts are those that can reasonably be foreseen to exist in the future. Perceived conflicts are those situations that are reasonably seen by informed outside parties as raising a potential concern.

“Contract” has the meaning set out above in *1. Instructions to Bidders – A. Request*.

“Evaluation Criteria” means the criteria referred to in **Appendix “F” – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format** to this RFP.

“Evaluation Team” means the YESAB employees and Board Members chosen to review Proposals.

“Key Individuals” of a Bidder’s Team means the specific individuals, corporations, joint ventures, partnerships and/or other legal entities, exclusive to the Bidder, filling the roles (or equivalent) in the Bidders Proposal. Key Individuals may fill multiple roles provided they have the qualifications and experience for all the roles; and multiple individuals can fill respective positions.

“Preferred Bidder” means the company, firm, consortium or other legal entity selected by the YESAB during the RFP process to negotiate the Contract.

“Proponent” means Victoria Gold Corp.

“Project Proposal” means the proposal to be submitted by the Proponent to the Executive Committee of YESAB for the purposes of a screening under YESAA.

“Proposal” means the formal response to this RFP by a Bidder.

“Proposal Declaration Form” means the form substantially as attached as **Appendix “G” – Proposal Declaration Form**.

“RFP” means this Request for Proposals, including the appendices, issued by YESAB as the first stage of the RFP Process.

“RFP Process” means the overall process for the selection of a Preferred Bidder for the Services including, but not limited to, this RFP.

“Services” has the meaning set out above in *1. Instructions to Bidders – A. Request*.

“Submission Location” means the submission location identified as such in the Summary of Key Information.

“YESAB Representative” means the person identified as such in the Summary of Key Information, or such other person as may be appointed by YESAB for that purpose.

B. Interpretation

In this RFP:

- i. When an action, decision, consent, approval or any other thing is said to be in a Person's "discretion" or words of like effect, unless the context otherwise requires it means the sole, absolute and unfettered discretion of the Person;
- ii. The use of headings is for convenience only and headings are not to be used in the interpretation of this RFP;
- iii. A reference to a Section or Appendix, unless otherwise indicated, is a reference to a Section of, or Appendix to, this RFP;
- iv. Words imputing any gender include all genders, as the context requires, and words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- v. The word "including" when used in this RFP is not to be read as limiting; and
- vi. Each Appendix attached to this RFP is an integral part of this RFP as if set out at length in the body of this RFP.

Appendix “A” – YESAA Assessment Process

A. Overview of the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act

Chapter 12 of the Yukon First Nations Final Agreements called for the establishment by federal legislation of a single assessment process that would apply to projects on all lands within Yukon: federal, territorial, First Nation and private. The *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA) was given Parliamentary Royal Assent on May 13, 2003. The federal legislation outlines the assessment process for Yukon.

Key features of YESAA are:

- To require the consideration of environmental and socio-economic effects before projects are undertaken.
- A comprehensive, neutral process done at arms-length from governments.
- A high level of transparency – decisions and actions will include written reasons and will be made available on the public registry.
- Broader consideration of socio-economic factors.
- Opportunities for public participation.
- Guaranteed opportunities for First Nation participation.
- Traditional and local knowledge considered during assessments.
- Increased certainty regarding information requirements, as well as mandatory timelines for both assessment and decision-making stages.

B. Matters to be Considered in the Assessment

Pursuant to s.42 (1) of YESAA, the Executive Committee shall take the following matters into consideration in conducting a screening of the Project Proposal:

- (a) *the purpose of the project or existing project;*
- (b) *all stages of the project or existing project;*
- (c) *the significance of any environmental or socio-economic effects of the project or existing project that have occurred or might occur in or outside Yukon, including the effects of malfunctions or accidents;*
- (d) *the significance of any adverse cumulative environmental or socio-economic effects that have occurred or might occur in connection with the project or existing project in combination with the effects of other projects for which proposals have been submitted under subsection 50(1) or any activities that have been carried out, are being carried out or are likely to be carried out in or outside Yukon;*
 - (d.1) *any studies or research undertaken under subsection 112(1) that are relevant to the project or existing project;*
 - (d.2) *the need for effects monitoring;*
- (e) *the significance of any adverse cumulative environmental or socio-economic effects that have occurred or might occur in connection with the project or existing project in combination with the effects of*
 - (i) *other projects for which proposals have been submitted under subsection 50(1), or*
 - (ii) *other existing or proposed activities in or outside Yukon that are known to the designated office, executive committee or panel of the Board from information provided to it or obtained by it under this Act;*

- (f) *alternatives to the project or existing project, or alternative ways of undertaking or operating it, that would avoid or minimize any significant adverse environmental or socio- economic effects;*
- (g) *mitigative measures and measures to compensate for any significant adverse environmental or socio-economic effects;*
- (h) *the need to protect the rights of Yukon Indian persons under final agreements, the special relationship between Yukon Indian persons and the wilderness environment of Yukon, and the cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles of Yukon Indian persons and other residents of Yukon;*
- (i) *the interests of residents of Yukon and of Canadian residents outside Yukon;*
- (j) *any matter that a decision body has asked it to take into consideration; and*
- (k) *any matter specified by the regulations.*

C. Executive Committee Screening Process

Executive Committee screenings start with the pre-submission engagement (PSE) process and information can be found on the page, [Pre-Submission Engagement for Executive Committee Screenings](#). Additional information on the Executive Committee screening process is available on the page, [YESAA and Related Documents](#).

Information regarding the assessment process can be found on YESAB's [website](#) and also on the following pages:

- [How Yukon's Assessment Process Works](#)
- [Information Bulletin - YESAB's Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Methodology](#)
- [Information Bulletin - Framework for Determining the Significance of Adverse Effects of Projects Assessed Under YESAA](#)
- [Information Bulletin - The Significance of Cumulative Effects as a Matter to be Considered in YESAB Assessments](#)
- [Backgrounder: Proponent Commitments - Project Design Features](#)

Appendix “B” – Overview of the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project

A. Overview

The Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project (the Project) proposes to extend the permitted mine plan of the Eagle Gold Mine to increase the average production rate and extend the life of the mine. The proposed project is located in central Yukon, approximately 45 km north-northeast of the Village of Mayo and wholly within the Traditional Territory of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun.

The Eagle Gold Mine was previously assessed by the Executive Committee in 2010 (YOR 2010-0267). The proposed extension includes construction, operation, reclamation, closure and post-closure. The proposed project will extend the operational mine life of existing Eagle Gold Mine from nine to 15 years with a planned five-to-10-year reclamation period after the completion of mining operations. Activities consist of open pit mining from existing and new pits, gold extraction via conventional heap leach technology and additional processing, waste rock management, water management, on- and off-site transport, and ancillary activities including camp operation.

The Proponent’s Project Description (2022-0125-0001) is available on the YESAB Online Registry (YOR) (yesabregistry.ca). All supporting project documents will be uploaded to YOR.

Appendix “C” – Knowledge and Experience Requirements

The Executive Committee is seeking Technical Support Services related to Engineering and Geotechnical AS REQUIRED for the duration of the following phases of the PSE and screening process for the Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project:

Pre-submission engagement:

- Phase 1 – Proponent submits their Project Description
- Phase 2 – Executive Committee issues a draft and then final Project Proposal Guideline
- Phase 3 – Proponent submits their Response to the Project Proposal Guideline
- Phase 4 – Executive Committee reviews the Proponent’s Response to the Project Proposal Guideline
- Phase 5 – Executive Committee issues a Project Proposal Report
- Phase 6 – Proponent submits their Project Proposal

Screening:

- Executive Committee conducts a compliance review of the Proponent’s Project Proposal
- Public invited to submit comments on the Proponent’s Project Proposal
- Executive Committee issues a Draft Screening Report
- Public invited to submit comments on the Executive Committee’s Draft Screening Report
- Executive Committee issues a Final Screening Report
- (if required): Decision Body(s) refers the Executive Committee’s recommendation back for reconsideration

The Bidder’s Team requires the knowledge and experience listed below. The Bidders Proposal will be evaluated in part on these aspects as documented in **Appendix “F” – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format** and specifically as described in *Table 4 – Content Requirements: Technical Support Services Proposal (Document B)*.

A. Knowledge

Services described in **Appendix “D” – Services** require the Bidder’s Team to have knowledge in the areas listed below. Depth and relevance of knowledge will be demonstrated by identified educational background and any relevant professional qualifications, designations, accreditations and/or affiliations, and publications.

1. Design, construction, operation, reclamation, decommissioning, closure and post-closure monitoring of mining activities and infrastructure including heap leach facilities.
2. Civil engineering.
3. Geotechnical engineering.
4. Permafrost, ground ice and ground thermal conditions.
5. Informing and evaluating:
 - a. the collection of baseline conditions relevant to mining activities and infrastructure prior to implementation of project activities;
 - b. predictions on how these baseline conditions may change during the implementation of project activities and after closure; and
 - c. implications of accidents and malfunctions, effects of the environment, climate change and extreme events.

6. Codes, standards, guidelines, practices, adaptive management and best available technology for mitigating potential adverse effects of mining activities and infrastructure to human health and safety and environmental quality.

B. Experience

Services described in **Appendix “D” – Services** require the Bidders Team to have the experience listed below. Depth and relevance of experience will be demonstrated by a capability to undertake the Services.

1. Experience relevant to Services including for each senior member of the Bidder’s Team past roles of similar scope and complexity and four project examples completed in the last five years with at least one reference for each.
2. Experience presenting plain language summaries to the public and/or decision makers.
3. Experience with the assessment process under YESAA and/or other regimes.
4. Experience working in Yukon and/or the north.
5. Understanding of the Yukon’s environmental and socio-economic characteristics.

Appendix “D” – Services

The following is a description of the Services required to support the Executive Committee during Phase 1 and 2 of the PSE process for the Project. In Phase 1 the Proponent submits their Project Description, and in Phase 2 the Executive Committee issues a draft and then final Project Proposal Guideline.

YESAB may select a Preferred Bidder to enter into a Service Agreement and Schedule A to that agreement specifies these Services. Following this description is *Table 1 – Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal* which outlines the tasks, deliverables and schedule for each anticipated process step during Phase 1 and 2 of the PSE process.

1. Initiate Schedule A of Service Agreement – Meeting

The YESAB Representative will meet with the Bidders Representative and relevant Key Individuals. Assume all meetings will be held online and this particular meeting will be up to two hours and occur within two business days after the contract is signed. The objectives of the Bidders Representative and relevant Key Individuals attending this meeting are to:

- share their background as it relates to providing technical support services;
- gain an understanding of the Executive Committee PSE and screening process and the Project; and
- to confirm the tasks, deliverables, schedule and administrative details for Schedule A.

2. Project Management and Communication

The Bidders Representative will provide regular updates to the YESAB Representative on the progress for tasks and associated deliverables, schedule, issues or questions and budget. Updates will be conducted via email and the frequency will be determined by the YESAB Representative.

3. Review the Proponent’s Project Description

The Project Description is 101 pages and the YESAB Representative will provide a digital copy to the Bidders Representative for distribution to Key Individuals. The YESAB Representative will also provide the following relevant documents to inform the Bidder’s Team review:

- 2013 Executive Committee – Final Screening Report (337 pages)
- 2019 Yukon Territorial Water Board – Water Licence (49 pages)

The objectives of the Bidder’s Team review of the Project Description and ancillary documents are to:

- gain an understanding of the Project;
- identify information gaps with the Project and in particular as it relates to the proposed Project area:
 - o valued components that may be negatively affected by the Project and why these components are important;
 - o the spatial and temporal boundaries of the valued components;
 - o the baseline fieldwork, data analysis and modelling required to understand the current actual and future predicted state of these components;
 - o applicable legislation, regulatory requirements, standards, plans, policies and best practices associated with valued components;

- the potential ecological or social limits and thresholds for these components;
- the vulnerability and resiliency of social and/or ecological systems and components;
- asserted and established Aboriginal and treaty rights; and
- the political and cultural setting.
- preliminary identification of:
 - potential fatal flaws;
 - key risks; and
 - applicable methodologies.
- provide context for understanding comments from participants on the Project Description; and
- inform deliverables which include discussion with the YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee and producing a draft letter report presenting a summary of the Bidder's Team review of the Project Description and draft and final recommendations to inform the Executive Committee's draft Project Proposal Guideline.

4. Review comments from participants on the Proponent's Project Description

The Executive Committee will be providing a period of time for participants to comment on the Proponent's Project Description. For this Project the Executive Committee has decided to use a period of 40 calendar days. The objective of this comment period is to inform the Executive Committee's draft Project Proposal Guideline. This guideline is intended to inform the proponent on the valued environmental and socio-economic components ("VESEC") that their Project may impact, context for these VESECs and the baseline information relevant for each VESEC to inform development of the Proponent's Project Proposal.

The Executive Committee has determined that participants for the Project currently include:

- First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun
- Government of Yukon
- Government of Canada
- Village of Mayo
- Keno City community
- Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board
- Yukon Salmon Sub-committee
- Mayo Renewable Resources Council
- Yukon Water Board

The Executive Committee is estimating up to 50 pages of comments to be submitted on Engineering and Geotechnical from these participants. The YESAB Representative will organize these comments by VESEC into a comment review table and will send this to the Bidders Representative for distribution to Key Individuals.

The objectives of the Bidder's Team review of this table are to:

- gain an understanding of participant comments on the Project Description;
- inform deliverables which include: producing input for the comment review table which will inform discussion with the YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee, and producing an updated draft and final letter report presenting recommendations for the Executive Committee's draft Project Proposal Guideline.

5. Review comments from participants and the public on the Executive Committee's draft Project Proposal Guideline

The Executive Committee will be providing a period of time for participants and the public to comment on the Executive Committee's draft Project Proposal Guideline. The Executive Committee has not decided this period of time and for reference the rules provide up to 30 calendar days. The objective of this comment period is to inform the Executive Committee's final Project Proposal Guideline.

The Executive Committee is estimating up to 50 pages of comments to be submitted on Engineering and Geotechnical from these participants. The YESAB Representative will organize these comments by VESEC into a comment review table and will send this to the Bidders Representative for distribution to Key Individuals.

The objectives of the Bidder's Team review of this table are to:

- gain an understanding of participant comments on the Executive Committee's draft Project Proposal Guideline; and
- inform deliverables which include: producing input for the comment review table, discussion with the YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee, and producing a draft and final letter report presenting recommendations for the Executive Committee's final Project Proposal Guideline.

Table 1 – Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal

Process Step	Task	Deliverable	Anticipated Schedule
1. Initiate Schedule A of Service Agreement associated with Phase 1 and 2 of the PSE process - Meeting	a. Meet with YESAB Representative to confirm timelines, tasks, deliverables, schedule and administrative details (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance	Within two business days after contract is signed
2. Project management and communication	a. Provide update to YESAB Representative on progress for tasks, deliverables, schedule, issues or questions and budget.	Email	Ongoing. Frequency to be determined by YESAB Representative
3. Review the Proponent's Project Description (101 pages)	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance	Within three business days after completing review of Project Description
	b. Review proponent's Project Description.	No specific deliverable	Within five business days after receiving Project Description
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: a draft summary of the review of	Draft letter report	Within ten business days after receiving

	the Project Description and draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Project Proposal Guideline based in part on the meeting as per 3.a.		Project Description
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance	Within three business days after receiving feedback from the YESAB Representative
4. Review comments from participants on the Proponent's Project Description (up to 50 pages)	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss scope and objectives (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance	Within three business days after completing review of comment review table
	b. Input to participant comment review table provided by the YESAB Representative.	Input added to comment review table	Within three business days after receiving comment review table
	c. Update draft letter report produced as task 3.c. to include: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Project Proposal Guideline based on meeting as per 4.a. and review of participant comments as per 4.b. and that incorporate feedback from the YESAB Representative as per 3.d.	Draft letter report (as per deliverable for 3c)	Within five business days after meeting with YESAB Representative
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the updated draft letter report (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance	Within three business days after receiving feedback from the YESAB Representative

	e. Update draft letter report as per task 4.c. into final version to include: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Project Proposal Guideline that incorporate any feedback from the YESAB Representative as per 4.d.	Final letter report (as per deliverable for 4c)	Within five business days after meeting to receive feedback
5. Review comments from participants and the public on the Executive Committee's Draft Project Proposal Guideline	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss scope and objectives (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance	Within three business days after receiving comment review table
	b. Input to participant and public comment review table provided by the YESAB Representative.	Input added to comment review table	Within five business days after meeting with YESAB Representative
	c. Produce draft letter report produced as task 4.e. to include: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Final Project Proposal Guideline based on meeting as per 5.a. and review of participant and public comments as per 5.b.	Draft letter report (as per deliverable for 4.e.)	Within five business days after meeting with YESAB Representative
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance	Within three business days after sending draft letter report to YESAB Representative
	e. Update draft letter report into final version presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Final Project Proposal Guideline that incorporate any feedback from the YESAB Representative as per 5.d.	Final letter report (as per deliverable for 5.c.)	Within three business days after meeting with YESAB Representative

Appendix “E” – Future Possible Services

The following table outlines deliverables for future possible Services that may be required to support the Executive Committee during Phase 3 – 6 of the PSE process and throughout the screening of the Project. YESAB may enter into subsequent Schedules with the Preferred Bidder for future possible Services. The process for establishing subsequent Schedules will be set out in the Service Agreement. Bidders’ Teams are required to have the knowledge, experience and capacity to provide these services in addition to those outlined in **Appendix “D” – Services**.

Table 2 – Deliverables for Future Possible Services

Process Step	Task	Deliverable
1. Initiate subsequent Schedules of Service Agreement for Phase 3 – 6 of PSE and the screening process - Meeting	a. Meet with YESAB Representative to confirm timelines, tasks, deliverables and administrative details (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance
2. Project management and communication	a. Provide update to YESAB Representative on progress for tasks, deliverables, schedule, issues or questions and budget.	Email
3. Participate in Technical Review and Advisory Committee sessions, workshops and/or public meetings (potential – to be determined by Executive Committee)	a. Prepare for and participate in meetings as required by the YESAB Representative.	Meeting attendance Presentations Draft and final letter report
4. Review the Proponent’s Response to Project Proposal Guideline	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance
	b. Review Proponent’s Response to Project Proposal Guideline.	No specific deliverable
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: a summary of review of the Proponents response to the Project Proposal Guideline and draft recommendations for the Executive Committee’s Project Proposal Report.	Draft letter report
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	e. Produce a final letter report presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee’s Project Proposal Report that incorporate feedback from the YESAB	Final letter report

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5. Review comments from participants and the public on the Proponent's Response to Project Proposal Guideline	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance
	b. Review participant comment review table provided by the YESAB Representative.	Input added to comment review table
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Project Proposal Report	Draft letter report
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	e. Produce a final letter report presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Project Proposal Report that incorporate feedback from the YESAB Representative.	Final letter report
6. Review comments from the public on the Proponent's Project Proposal	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance
	b. Review participant comment review table provided by the YESAB Representative.	Input added to comment review table
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Request for Supplementary Information (i.e., in the event that the Executive Committee determines that it requires supplementary information from the proponent to prepare the Draft Screening Report).	Draft letter report
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	e. Produce a final letter report presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Request for Supplementary Information that incorporates feedback from the YESAB Representative.	Final letter report
7. Review supplementary information submitted from Proponent (potential – as determined by the Executive Committee throughout the screening process)	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance and action items
	b. Review Proponent's supplementary information.	No specific deliverable
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: a draft summary of the review of the Proponent's supplementary information.	Draft letter report

	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	e. Produce a final letter report presenting: a summary of the review of the Proponent's supplementary information that incorporates feedback from the YESAB Representative.	Final letter report
8. Produce recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance and action items
	b. Produce draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report	Draft letter report
	c. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	d. Produce final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report that incorporates feedback from the YESAB Representative.	Final letter report
9. Review comments from the public on the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance
	b. Review participant comment review table provided by the YESAB Representative.	Input added to comment review table
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Request for Supplementary Information (i.e., potential – in the event that the Executive Committee determines that it requires supplementary information from the proponent to prepare the Draft Screening Report).	Draft letter report
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	e. Produce a final letter report presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Request for Supplementary Information that incorporates feedback from the YESAB Representative.	Final letter report
10. Produce recommendations for	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two	Meeting attendance

the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report	hours online).	
	b. Produce a draft letter report presenting: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report	Draft letter report
	c. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	d. Produce a final letter report presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Draft Screening Report that incorporates feedback from the YESAB Representative	Final letter report
11. Produce recommendations for the Executive Committee's Referral Report (potential – as required as it relates to a Decision Body referring the Executive Committee's recommendation back for reconsideration)	a. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to confirm scope and objectives (up to two hours online).	Meeting attendance
	b. Review participant comment review table provided by the YESAB Representative.	Input added to comment review table
	c. Produce a draft letter report presenting: draft recommendations for the Executive Committee's Referral Report.	Draft letter report
	d. Meet with YESAB Representative and potentially the Executive Committee to discuss feedback on the draft letter report (up to one hour online).	Meeting attendance
	e. Produce a final letter report presenting: final recommendations for the Executive Committee's Referral Report that incorporates feedback from the YESAB Representative.	Final letter report

Appendix “F” – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format

A. Evaluation and Selection Procedures

The evaluation of Proposals will be carried out by the Evaluation Team.

To assist in the evaluation of the Proposals, YESAB may, in its discretion, but is not required to:

- a. Conduct reference checks relevant to the Services with any or all of the references cited in a Proposal to verify any and all information regarding a Bidder, inclusive of its directors/officers and Key Individuals;
- b. Conduct any background investigations and/or seek any additional information that it considers necessary in the course of the evaluation;
- c. Seek clarification of a Proposal or supplementary information from any or all Bidders; and
- d. Rely on and consider any information obtained as a result of such reference checks, background investigations, requests for clarification or supplementary information, interviews/presentations, and/or any additional information in the evaluation of Proposals.

YESAB will notify Bidders of the RFP results by sending a written notice to the Bidders Representative.

YESAB will conduct a debriefing, upon request, for any Bidder that is not selected as the Preferred Bidder, if the debriefing is requested within one month after a Preferred Bidder has been announced. In a debriefing YESAB will discuss the relative strengths and weaknesses of that Bidders Proposal, but YESAB will not disclose or discuss any Confidential Information of another Bidder.

B. Changes to Bidder’s Team

If for any reason after the Closing Time a Bidder wishes to add, remove or otherwise change a member of its Bidder’s Team, or there is a material change in ownership or control of a member of the Bidder’s Team, or there is a change to the legal relationship among any or all of the Bidder and its Bidder’s Team members, then the Bidder must submit a written application to YESAB for approval, including supporting information that may assist YESAB in evaluating the change. YESAB, in its discretion, may grant or refuse an application under this Section, and in exercising its discretion YESAB will consider the objective of achieving an evaluation that is not unfair to the other Bidders. For clarity:

1. YESAB may refuse to permit a change to the membership of a Bidder’s Team if the change would, in YESAB’s discretion, result in a weaker team than was originally proposed; or
2. YESAB may, in the exercise of its discretion, permit any changes to a Bidder’s Team, including change as may be requested arising from changes in ownership or control of a Bidder or a Bidder’s Team member.

YESAB’s approval may include such terms and conditions as YESAB may consider appropriate.

C. Disqualification of Proposals

Without limitation, YESAB may, in its sole and absolute discretion, disqualify a Proposal if the Proposal includes a false or misleading statement, claim or information.

D. Proposal Guidelines

Proposals in response to this RFP should:

1. Be clearly marked as described in Section 2.A of the RFP.
2. Be limited to 30 pages, excluding cover letter, Proposal Declaration Form, CVs and where used, title page and table of contents.
3. Include all of the information requested in this **Appendix “F” – Evaluation Process, Criteria and Proposal Format**.
4. Be submitted as follows:
 - a. Cover letter signed by the Bidder.
 - b. Proposal Declaration Form (see **Appendix “G” – Proposal Declaration Form**) signed by the Bidder.
 - c. One Price Proposal in a separate and sealed envelope clearly marked “Price Proposal Document 1” as per *Table 3 – Content Requirements: Price Proposal (Document A)* below. The Price Proposal must be separated into two parts.
 1. “Part A” must clearly set out the Bidders proposed price to complete the Services described in **Appendix “D” Services**. These deliverables are set out in *Table 1 – Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal*.
 2. “Part B” must clearly set out the members of the Bidder’s Team, their respective hourly rate and the number of hours assigned to each team member for each deliverable set out in *Table 1 – Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal*.
 - d. One Technical Support Services Proposal as per *Table 4 – Content Requirements: Technical Support Services Proposal (Document B)* below clearly marked with this title. Include in this document a description of the approach to complete the Services described in **Appendix “D” Services** and to satisfy all deliverables as outlined in this RFP, the availability and capacity for each member of the Bidder’s Team to undertake the Services in relation to current and anticipated commitments to other work that will be ongoing at the same time as the Services. Any Conflicts of Interest, as defined in this RFP, must be disclosed in the proposal.
 1. No price or rate information is to be included in this Technical Support Services Proposal.
 2. The Technical Support Services Proposal must be limited to 25 pages, excluding cover letter, CVs and where used, title page and table of contents.

E. Criteria and Proposal Format

Proposals will be evaluated out of total of 635 points (190 points for Price Proposal plus 445 points for Technical Support Services Proposal). The following tables outline the content requirements, evaluation criteria and maximum possible points for each component of the Price Proposal and the Technical Support Services Proposal submitted in response to this RFP.

Table 3 – Content Requirements: Price Proposal (Document A)

Price Proposal – Content Requirements and Evaluation Criteria (total 190 points)			
Proposal Section	Evaluation Criteria	Content Requirements	Maximum Possible Points
Part A	Price shall be evaluated as follows: 1. Lowest Price Proposal= 150 points 2. Lowest Proposal Price ÷ Your Proposal Price = Proposal % Proposal % x 150 points = # of points awarded to your proposal.	Bidders proposed price for deliverables set out in Table 1 – Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal of this RFP. The proposed price will be to complete the Services described in Appendix “D” Services.	150 points
Part B	Provide a breakdown of budget on separate sheet and include the budget breakdown sheet in the price envelope	For each member of the Bidder’s Team provide their respective hourly rate and the number of hours assigned to each team member for each task.	40 points
Total Possible Points – Price Proposal:			190 points

Table 4 – Content Requirements: Technical Support Services Proposal (Document B)

Technical Support Services Proposal – Content Requirements and Evaluation Criteria (total 445 points)				
Proposal Section		Evaluation Criteria	Content Requirements	Maximum Possible Points
1. Introduction (20 points)	1.1 Brief Bidder Profile (10 points)	Clear description of team and roles.	Identify the Bidders Representative and describe their role in relation to the Services. Identify each Key Individual and describe their role in relation to the Services. Do not include the name or qualifications of any person other than the Bidders Representative and Key Individuals.	10 points
	1.2 Contact Information (10 points)	Clearly provide all information requested.	Provide the name and contact details for the Bidders Representative. Please note: The Bidders Representative will be the only Person to receive communication from the YESAB Representative regarding this RFP. Bidders Representative: a. Name b. Mailing/courier address c. Telephone number d. Email address e. Website address	10 points
2.Experience and Knowledge (425 points)	2.1 Professional Experience (300 points)	Depth and relevance of knowledge related to requirements set out in Appendix “D” – Services.	For each senior member of the Bidder’s Team provide: a. resumes and clearly identify educational background and any relevant professional qualifications, designations, accreditations and/or affiliations, and publications. b. a summary referencing educational background and/or accreditations that demonstrate knowledge of the requirements set out in	50 points

			Appendix “D” – Services.	
		Depth and relevance of experience demonstrating capability to undertake the Services, notably what is indicated in Tables 1 and 2 of Deliverables and Schedule for Price Proposal of Appendix “D” – Services.	<p>For each senior member of the Bidder’s Team provide:</p> <p>A brief description of experiences relevant to requirements set out above in Appendix “D” – Services and past roles of similar scope and complexity. Include four project examples completed in the last five years and provide at least one reference for each. (50 points per project).</p> <p>Summaries are to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Description and duration of the project. Role of each proposed team member in the project. Outcome of the project. 	200 points
			<p>For each member of the Bidder’s Team provide:</p> <p>A brief description which demonstrates their experience in presenting plain language summaries to the public and/or decision makers.</p>	50 points
	2.2 Experience with assessment process (75 points)	Demonstrated experience with the assessment process under YESAA.	<p>For each member of the Bidder’s Team provide:</p> <p>A brief description of their experience with the assessment process under YESAA including any prior experience working with YESAB.</p>	25 points
		Demonstrated experience with the assessment process under other regimes.	<p>For each member of the Bidder’s Team provide:</p> <p>A brief description of their experience with the assessment process under other regimes including any experience working with other assessment organizations.</p>	25 points
	2.3 Environmental and Socio-Economic Context of	Demonstrated experience working in Yukon and/or the north.	<p>For each member of the Bidder’s Team provide:</p> <p>A brief description of their experience working in Yukon and/or northern Canada.</p>	50 points

	Yukon (50 points)	Demonstrated understanding of the Yukon's characteristics.	For each member of the Bidder's Team provide: A brief description of their understanding of the Yukon's environmental and socio-economic characteristics.	25 points
Total Possible Points – Technical Support Services Proposal:				445 points

Appendix “G” – Proposal Declaration Form

1. This Proposal Declaration Form will be signed by the Bidder.
2. By signing this Proposal Declaration Form, the Bidder acknowledges that it has reviewed and understood the provisions of this RFP and this Proposal Declaration Form.
3. By signing this Proposal Declaration Form, the Bidder agrees that no actual, potential and/or perceived conflicts of interests exist with YESAB, its elected or appointed officials or employees or with the Proponent and its elected or appointed officials or employees, contractors, representatives and agents.

To: YESAB

Attention: Rox-Ann Duchesne – Senior Assessment Officer

Re: Request for Proposals RFP No. 2022-006 – Eagle Gold Mine Extension Project
Engineering and Geotechnical Technical Support Services

In consideration of YESAB’s agreement to consider Proposals in accordance with the terms of this RFP, the Bidder hereby agrees, confirms, and acknowledges, on its own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Bidder Team, that:

- a) Proposal
 - i. The Bidder is bound by all statements and representatives in its Proposal; and
 - ii. YESAB reserves the right to verify information in the Proponent’s Proposal
- b) Acknowledgement with respect to this RFP
 - i. The Bidder has received, read, examined and understood all provisions in the RFP, all documents listed in this RFP’s Table of Contents, and all Appendices;
 - ii. The Bidders Representative identified below is fully authorized to represent the Bidder in any and all matters related to its Proposal, including but not limited to providing clarifications and additional information that may be requested in association with this RFP; and
 - iii. The Bidder has had sufficient time to consider, and has satisfied itself as to the applicability of the material in this RFP and any and all conditions that may in any way affect its Proposal.
- c) Evaluation of Proposals
 - i. This RFP is not an offer or a tender; it is a Request for Proposals and the responsibility of YESAB is limited to consider Proposals in accordance with this RFP.
- d) Consent of Bidder Team.
 - i. The Bidder has obtained the express written consent and agreement of each member of the Bidder Team, as listed below, to all the provisions of this Proposal Declaration Form.

The Bidder Team consists of:

Name of Bidder – Firm	Address

Name of Bidders Representative and Key Individuals	Address	Role on Team

Name of authorized individual

Signature of authorized individual