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RFP for EPCM Services Evaluation Summary and Recommendation

Dec-2010

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Purpose

- Recap the RFP process
- Present evaluation results
- Seek approval on recommended way forward
 - Selection of EPCM Consultant
- Discuss next steps and timing

Evaluation Scope & Recap

- Muskrat Falls Scenario A evaluated
 - Consistent with Phase 1 development
- RFP compensation scheme was Reimbursable + Fixed Fee
- Three (3) proposals for EPCM services received on Sept 16
 - Black & Veatch, Hatch, SNC
- Black & Veatch dropped October 22
- Evaluation has continued with Hatch and SNC

Evaluation Findings

- Technically, SNC had a stronger proposal
 - Both SNC and Hatch were determined to be capable of executing full EPCM scope
- Commercially, SNC is preferred, there exists a substantial delta between the proposals
 - Base labor rates are deemed comparable
 - Significant delta on the fixed fee portion of the proposals
- Summary: SNC scores higher than Hatch technically and commercially, thus providing “Best Value”

Evaluation Scoring

Normalized Person-hours & Normalized Base Salaries

MF Scenario A - Component	Percentage Weighting	SNC		Hatch	
		Component Summary Score	Weighted Score	Component Summary Score	Weighted Score
Muskrat Falls - Technical	48.75	82.61	40.27	79.20	38.61
HVdc Specialties - Technical	7.50	84.87	6.37	73.88	5.54
Overland Tx - Technical	18.75	81.64	15.31	72.23	13.54
Commercial	25.00	99.00	24.75	81	20.25
Total Score	100		86.70		77.90

Evaluation Scoring

Normalized Person-hours & As-Bid Base Salaries

MF Scenario A - Component	Percentage Weighting	SNC		Hatch	
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Muskrat Falls - Technical	48.75	82.61	40.27	79.20	38.61
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Overland Tx - Technical	18.75	81.64	15.31	72.23	13.54
Commercial	25.00	86.10	21.53	81.00	20.25
Total Score	100		83.50		77.90

Estimated Contract Value

	SNC	Hatch	Delta
Method 1: Normalized Hours & Salaries	\$285 M	\$381 M	\$94M
Method 2: Normalized Hours & As-Bid Salaries	\$304 M	\$362 M	\$58M

Dominant amount of delta due to the difference in the fixed fee

Fixed Fee Delta Explanation

- Hatch Fee is approximately 50% markup
 - Profit approximately 10%
 - Hatch has included 15%+ for risk
 - Due to office overhead deltas; 7%+ speculated to be in Hatch's Fee versus office overhead
 - Additional delta speculated to consist of other overheads and fees from Alliance partners
 - Hatch Fee is clearly not an error – held several clarification discussions
- SNC Fee is approximately 13% markup
 - Profit approximately 10%

Recommendation

- Issue Letter of Award to SNC
 - Contract Value estimated at ~\$285M
- Continue to work with SNC to finalize formalities of the Contract exhibits

Next Steps and Timing

- Issue of Letter of Award to SNC
 - Timing ?
- Debrief unsuccessful Bidders
- Continue preparation of final contract document
- Continue mapping out mobilization phase (Award + 90 days) priority activities
- Explain decision on office facilities

Back-up Material

Key Messages

- Both finalists have offices across Canada
- Both finalists have large NL presence
- We have selected the best company for the Project
- Main project office will be located in St. John's
- All EPCM work will be done in NL

Evaluation Findings

SNC – Strengths

- Heavy commitment to the Project (i.e. from 5 to 43 Key Personnel)
- Top quartile H&S performance
- World class senior staff proposed – “A-Team”
- All resources from employee base – demonstrates resource depth
- Current cold climate Canadian EPCM hydroelectric and TL experience
- Commitment to perform engineering for all components in St. John’s
- Sufficiently demonstrated EPCM competence
- Demonstrated construction management capability
- Strong technical expertise
- Established Nalcor and LCP knowledge base
- Organizational design robust for all Components

Evaluation Findings

SNC – Areas of Concern & Mitigation

Areas of Concern	Mitigation
Clarity on which division leads the Project – SNC Montreal or SNC St. John’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalize Steering Committee – Montreal reps • Communication at Executive level • Establish a Project specific office in St. John’s • Reaffirm at Project kick-off meeting
Change Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns addressed in agreement articles (definition, criteria, etc.) • Proactive project control by Nalcor • Designated Nalcor Contract Administrator for this Agreement
Lack of clarity related to T’s & C’s for individuals to work in St. John’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Project Office in St. John’s at beginning of mobilization • Establish Project relocation policies inline with industry norms (reimbursable)
Inconsistent knowledge and usage of the SNC “PM+” system between divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plans to be developed by SNC during mobilization phase • EPCM and Nalcor Project Services Manager to come to full alignment • Ensure appropriate training during mob period
Lack of pro-active approach to environmental management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nalcor to formally outline its expectations during mobilization phase • EPCM to demonstrate its ability to meet
Advanced age of some Key Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop succession plan for Key Personnel • Manage competency transfer within the SNC organization

Evaluation Findings

Hatch Attributes

Strengths

- Mostly world class senior staff proposed
- Personnel acquired from strong, experienced companies (SMEC, S&L, SMi Group)
- Strong CM personnel from SMi Group (James Bay, Eastmain)
- Significant cold climate and hydro electric experience
- Sufficiently demonstrated EPCM competence
- Strong technical expertise
- Established Nalcor and LCP knowledge
- Strong emphasis on working closely with Owner's team

Areas of Concern

- *Hatch Alliance* concept - significant key personnel seconded from other companies – no commercial agreements in place “What happens if things get into trouble ??”
- Alliance members have not all worked together before
- Limited Hatch involvement in certain Components
- Shallow Hatch-specific personnel resource base - inability to date to fill key roles
- Engineering for HVdc work to be fully performed in Winnipeg, PM in Mississauga
- Inconsistent knowledge and usage of the Hatch “iPas” system by Alliance members
- Lack of pro-active approach to environmental management
- Advanced age of some Key Personnel
- Change management

Testing Alignment with Strategic Risks

Strategic Risk	Management Strategy – Consider when selecting EPCM
<p>Labor productivity and performance aligned with expectations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a benefit / reward relationship with the EPCM consultant and construction contractors that entices them to put the "A-team" on the job. Consider appropriate incentives for the EPCM consultant that are strategically aligned with achieving design and construction readiness outcomes that support increased worker productivity.
<p>Achieving a Zero Harm – Nobody Gets Hurt mindset in a transient construction workforce.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early and proactive program to promote and secure commitment to best practices. Work with EPCM to develop and implement a behavioural based safety program across the Project. Engaging and retaining contractors who are leaders in safety performance and have demonstrated the ability to proactively manage all aspects of HSE performance on remote worksites. Recognizing HSE performance is imperative and start embedding an HSE culture early in the project. It all starts with management's commitment to safety. Maintaining team awareness and establish strong & open communication channel on all aspects of HSE.
<p>Attracting a capable EPCM contractor who has a strong background in all engineering, procurement and construction management activities for large hydro and transmission projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing an innovative contracting strategy to make project attractive to contractors with risk/benefit balance. Implement a rigorous EPCM selection process. Taking early and aggressive action to secure required engineering competencies and resources. Scheduling sufficient time for engineering completion prior to start of construction. Implementing a project-wide Quality Management System and embed QA requirements in all contracts.

Alignment with Drivers of Dec '09

Driver	Alignment Check: SNC Recommendation
High FEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC alignment with mobilization and phased approach maximizes FEL and minimizes change
Cost and Schedule Predictability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC alignment with phased approach will optimize cost and schedule predictability
Alignment with Financial Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC name brings lender comfort
Optimal Allocation of Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC has accepted a benchmarked level of risk or higher including construction risk alignment
Contractor Availability and Capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC has the capacity within their organization and has provided a strong team
Alignment with Provincial Policies and IBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC has the larger local presence and aboriginal knowledge of the two finalist
Appropriate Degree of Project Management by Nalcor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNC are culturally aligned with Nalcor oversight

Fixed Fee Overview

Component	Bidder 1	Bidder 2
1 - MF Hydro Development	\$14,840,700	\$82,217,000
3 - HVdc Specialties	\$5,996,532	\$16,663,000
4A - OH Transmission - Gull Island to Soldiers Pond	\$9,633,422	\$22,270,000
4B - OH Transmission - Muskrat Falls to Gull Island	\$2,055,819	\$3,280,000
4C - OH Transmission - Gull Island to Churchill Falls	\$3,997,118	\$5,945,000
MF Scenario A (Discounted Fee)	\$33,121,126	\$120,287,500
Cost per manhour	\$13.32	\$50.78
MF Scenario A (Normalized Hours)	\$34,322,237	\$130,847,466