



**Invitation to Bid 22-Wells-Turnouts & Crossovers-003  
Domestically Produced Panelized  
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Supplier Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions Received from Suppliers and Responses from NNEPRA**

1. Question: Specification calls for A&K U69 guardrails or approved equal. Will you consider Nortrak's U69 guardrails as an approved equal?

*Response: Yes, these are an approved equal.*

2. Question: Can you confirm that for Item 7 under the General heading that the wording "All castings shall have radiographic testing performed in accordance with AREMA specifications....." allows for Nortrak to test castings to our normal testing cycle and that those tests will meet the AREMA requirements 100% or does it require that each and every frog casting required in this bid must be x-rayed?

*Response: All castings provided as part of this procurement shall be tested as required in the Pan Am Railways specification.*

3. Question: Under the Tie section, there is a requirement to have tie conditioning reports available upon request. We have found that these are next to impossible to get. Will it be possible to have this clause waived?

*Response: Yes, the requirement to provide tie conditioning reports is waived for this procurement.*

4. Question: Do you have a list of contractors that would be able to unload these turnouts?

*Response: Contractors that may be able to assist with the unloading of the turnouts in southern Maine include Maine Track Maintenance, CPM Constructors, Wyman & Simpson, Greg Scott*

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*Construction, and Shaw Brothers. Please note that NNEPRA has not contacted any of these contractors regarding this effort.*

5. Question: Will you accept delivery before April 2023 and if so how early?

*Response: NNEPRA and Pan Am may be able to accept delivery prior in the fall of 2022, prior to snowfall. The final delivery date will be determined in coordination with NNEPRA and Pan Am Railways.*

6. Question: With the current volatile materials markets that appears will be with us for some time into the future would you consider indexing of pricing to accommodate these conditions?

*Response: No, NNEPRA is not able to offer price indexing.*

7. Question: It says domestic material required. How much domestic material? I see it states Buy American which Amtrak only requires over 50% when a bid is over \$1million. How should we interpret? Also, I see FRA cited as a Federal requirement, FRA allows certain components to be of non-domestic origin. I do see where Domestic Frogs are required. Please confirm the percentage of domestic content required is 100% and if less please confirm the components that are required to be domestic?

*Response: All materials shall be domestically produced. The Buy America requirements for this procurement are noted and referenced in the Federal Clauses and Buy America Certification Form included with the Invitation to Bid.*

8. Question: Even though the winning vendor is not responsible for inspection cost do you intend to inspect at the vendor facility?

*Response: Pan Am Railways may inspect during fabrication and this will be determined at the time of fabrication.*

9. Question: Is Amtrak Roadway worker training required for the unloading crew?

*Response: Pan Am Railways will provide any required Roadway Worker Protection training and safety briefings on-site the morning of the unloading at no cost to the Supplier.*

10. Question: The specifications note that the hardware for the joint bar assemblies are to be 1.1/8" diameter. This means that the standard and bonded insulated joints will require bars to accept the 1 1/8" diameter hardware. Is this correct?

*Response: Yes, all regular joint bars and bonded insulated joints shall be drilled to accept 1-1/8" track bolts.*

11. Question: For the crossovers, are the rails that connect the two turnouts required to be bonded insulated joints rails?

*Response: Yes, these shall be bonded insulated joints.*

**\*\*\*The time and date specified in the original solicitation has not changed as a result of this addendum.\*\*\***

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