

Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

Addendum No. 1 – July 1, 2021

Invitation to Bid #21-PNS-Cross Ties-003 for  
Domestically Produced Cross Ties

Questions Received from Suppliers and Responses from NNEPRA

1. Question: The specification notes “Ties shall be branded with the permanent identification for ownership and year graded, and treating plant. Branding is only required on ties that are end-plated.” We typically do not brand ties but rather note the Treating Plant Location, Manufacturer, and Year Produced on end plates. Is this acceptable?

*Response: Yes, noting the Treating Plant Location, Manufacturer, and Year Produced on the end plate is acceptable.*

2. Question: The specification notes “Boulton dried ties will be inspected at the time of delivery. Air dry ties will be subject to inspection after seasoning and before treatment.” If ties are boultonized, does it require third party inspection? If ties are air dried, is third party inspection required twice?

*Response: Any third party inspection will be done at the discretion of Pan Am Railways and will be done at no cost to the supplier.*

3. Question: The specification notes “Ties must be turned over for the inspector when inspected.” We do not do this due to safety concerns of our employees.

*Response: Acknowledged. If third party inspection is performed by Pan Am or its agent, this will not be required.*

4. Question: The specification notes “Shipment shall be made by gondola rail car to the location(s) noted in the Invitation to Bid. Ties shall be bundled and care shall be taken during loading operations to avoid damaging the ties.” Is it acceptable to not bundle the ties for shipment.

*Response: Yes. Ties shall be shipped in gondola rail cars and may be bundled or loose, at the suppliers option.*

Changes to the Invitation to Bid and Pan Am Railways Specifications

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

1. On Page 1 of the Invitation to Bid under the heading “Description of Material Requested” **CHANGE** the quantity of cross ties from **7,850** to **8,282**.
2. **REMOVE** the entire Bid Form (pages 3-5 of the Invitation to Bid) and **REPLACE** with the attached revised Bid Form.

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ALL SUPPIERS SUBMITTING A BID ARE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM NO. 1 AS PART OF THEIR BID PACKAGE. PLEASE SIGN BELOW ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM AND RETURN WITH THE FINAL BID.

Supplier Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

For any additional questions regarding this addendum please contact:

William Gayle, Grant and Policy Administrator  
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority  
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Portland, Maine 04101  
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Signed by: 

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY INVITATION TO BID  
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**BID FORM**

**SUPPLIER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:** **Domestically Produced Cross Ties** conforming to the attached Pan Am Railways specifications.

**THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO:** Mr. William Gayle  
Grant and Policy Administrator  
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority  
75 W Commercial Street, Suite #104  
Portland, Maine 04101  
[william@nnepra.com](mailto:william@nnepra.com)

By submitting this Bid the undersigned Bidder:

1. Proposes and agrees, if the Bid is accepted, to enter into an Agreement with Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to supply the Materials in accordance with the specifications and other Bid Documents, for the prices and in accordance with the delivery schedule as detailed in the Bid Form.
2. Accepts all of the terms and conditions included in the Invitation to Bid and agrees that this Bid will remain open for sixty days after the day of Bid opening.
3. Agrees that:
  - a. Bidder has examined copies of all the Bid Documents and any addenda, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged.
  - b. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation, and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; Bidder has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and Bidder has not sought by collusion to obtain for himself any advantage over any other Bidder or over Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.
4. Acknowledges that this Invitation to Bid does not constitute an order or contract.
5. Acknowledges that Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority is exempt from all taxes. The undersigned hereby certifies that no taxes are included in the prices bid.

Bidders shall state if exemption certificate is required: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_.

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**BID FORM**

This Bid is submitted for the following product:

**New, Domestically Produced Hardwood Cross Ties** conforming to the attached Pan Am Railways specification. All cross ties shall be delivered as soon as possible. Please provide a proposed delivery timeframe below. Bids with earlier delivery dates may be given preference

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<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price</u></b>
"A" Hardwood Cross Ties	8,282 Each	_____ /EA	_____
		<b>Total Bid Price:</b>	_____
		<b>Proposed Start of Delivery Date:</b>	_____
		<b>Proposed Completion of Delivery Date:</b>	_____

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Communications concerning this Bid shall be addressed to:

Bidder Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bidder's Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note that the information below is used for internal purposes only and will not be disclosed.)*

Age of your company: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Annual Receipts: \_\_\_\_\_

# Employees: \_\_\_\_\_ DUNS #: \_\_\_\_\_

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In submitting this bid, it is understood and agreed by Supplier that THE AUTHORITY reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or part of any bid, and it is agreed that the bid may not be withdrawn for a period of [60] days subsequent to the receipt of bids, without the written consent of the Authority.

SUPPLIER AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED ON: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021