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Will need more information on the arsenic removal, in discussions with our Polytech training organization.	This arsenic waste disposal work is being postponed. Please contact the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) Main Construction Manager (MCM) storefront office for further information.
In terms of jurisdiction and land ownership of Giant Mine property, is it owned by CIRNAC under a reserve status? Is it because Canada is in a current land claim with Yellowknives Dene First Nation?	<p>The Giant Mine site lies on Commissioners Land, which is within the jurisdiction of the Government of the Northwest Territories (NWT). The site is also under federal care as an abandoned mine site, with CIRNAC owning and managing the risks within the boundary.</p> <p>The site also lies within the city limits of Yellowknife so there is municipal involvement. There are also several overlapping Indigenous land claims, both established and asserted.</p>
Does the following objective "Parsons is committed to ensuring procurement is while addressing Comprehensive Land Claims", include current land claimant groups in negotiations in which this project rests on?	Currently, the Tlicho Agreement provisions apply to procurements made in respect of the Giant Mine Remediation Project. The MCM also recognizes other First Nations and has reflected their territorial assertions (see attached maps) in its solicitation documents and provides all advance notification of future tenders, the blank application of Indigenous Opportunity Considerations, and the use of Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business wherever competitively possible. This applies to all Indigenous peoples and contractors within the Area of the Contract.
If the EPPs are separate but guided from the EMPs - who are they ultimately signed off by?	MCM (Parsons) and Subcontractor
For the AR1 Freeze Pad Site Prep - have you considered helicopter utilization for the power pole removal, or the drilling/blasting?	Not required as it is not suitable for this work.
Is the washing equipment to be provided by the contractor, or will the owner provide this?	The Subcontractor will provide washing equipment.
Will water need to be delivered from off site?	Yes, some off-site potable water may be required depending on the work package. The majority of on-site water use for construction purposes will be from regulated sources as described in the Water Licence and Water Management and Monitoring Plan.
Have there been any pilot studies on the cement ratios? Will the mixture ratios be provided or will the contractor have to determine those?	<p>Yes, there have been two studies completed. The Subcontractor will be doing the mix ratio to meet the design specifications.</p> <p>Applicable information from previous studies will be provided during the solicitation process. The subcontractor will be responsible for the specific ratio.</p>
At what point will the monitoring well section of the environmental management plan be put out for tender? Will the drilling of these wells be a separate tender or will it be part of a larger scope?	<p>This work will be part of the Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill solicitation currently planned for 2021.</p> <p>There are a number of management plans for the Giant Mine Remediation Project. Additional groundwater monitoring wells may be installed for other purposes throughout the completion of the remediation project, using the on-site non-hazardous landfill construction as an example. The groundwater wells in the proximity of the landfill will be included in the landfill solicitation package and the other site-wide groundwater monitoring network wells will be consolidated along with other drill activities, currently planned for 2021.</p>
Regarding the safety stats, many companies use third party organizations to evaluate a company safety documents, for example ISNetworld. Will registration with ISNetworld be required to work with Parsons on the Giant Mine Remediation Program?	While ISNetworld is welcome, all subcontractors with awarded agreements must also complete Parsons' Contractors Safety Evaluation (CSE) prior to commencement of work.
Will Parsons use an all or none scoring system for different sections of the technical portion? That is, a min score will be req'd for a section (say min 70% for proj. experience) to be counted or proponent will receive a zero score for that section?	Each solicitation document will clearly identify the evaluation criteria. There will be minimum passing marks for the technical section of the overall solicitation.
What does the proposed payment terms look like? Is paid when paid or will PSAB members have 30 day terms similar to other government projects.	Pay-when-Paid is the standard payment terms for GMRP, typically 45 to 60 day turnaround.
Will the hazmat abatement scope be part of the deconstruction work or separate contract? Will hazmat reports be done for all site structures and part of the RFP? And for abatement work will there be power & water available?	<p>The HAZMAT abatement will be part of the Townsite Deconstruction work package. Provision for power and water will be determined on a work package basis.</p> <p>Reports will be required as part of the work package. Power and water will be provided by the Subcontractor.</p>
Will engineering budgets for each of the projects that are being discussed be released?	No, engineering budgets will not be provided.

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Will the presentation be sent out to the participants?	A copy of the presentation is available at: https://giantminer.ca/sites/default/files/Giant%20Mine%20Remediation%20Project%20-%20Industry%20Day%202020.pdf
For the Q&A regarding PSAB, it will be important to highlight that the definition for Tlichu businesses, as identified in the land claim, can be used to define an indigenous business, regardless if a tlichu business is on the PSAB list or not.	Tlichu businesses, as identified in the land claim, can be used to define an Indigenous business regardless if a Tlichu business is registered with Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business (PSAB). Tlichu Agreement provisions apply to procurements made in respect of the Giant Mine Remediation Project. The MCM also recognizes other Indigenous First Nations and has reflected their territorial assertions (see attached maps) in its tender documents and provides advance notification of upcoming solicitations, the blanket application of Indigenous Opportunities Consideration, and the use of Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Businesses wherever competitively possible. Parsons' MCM will provide clarification in future solicitations, where applicable.
Can I please get some further clarification on IOC's and indigenous staff from the NWT. It was said that only staff from the area/region would qualify. I have a business that is registered out of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, as well as my staff.	For an employee's work or training hours to count toward a Subcontractor's Indigenous Opportunity Consideration, that individual must be Indigenous and a resident in the Area of the Contract that is encompassed by the Tlichu Agreement line entitled Mqwhi Gogha Dè Njitièè. See attached maps.
Example of computer being an internal expense to the contractor and needing to be documented in IOC reporting, it is not a material reimbursable expense. Why would internal overhead costs be shared?	To qualify towards Indigenous Opportunity Considerations procurement commitments, all costs incurred through Indigenous businesses on behalf of the work on the GMRP need to be reported to MCM with supporting documentation.
What are the dates for the care and maintenance procurement?	Procurement notices will be made available at https://giantminer.ca as the solicitation packages are posted to MERX.
When Parson's Health and Safety lead was talking about sampling, what is being sampled? It was for arsenic testing. Is it hair, saliva? Please clarify.	Medical monitoring is risk-based urinalysis sampling.
If a northern General contractor gets contracts from Giant Mine and needs to use subcontractors and workers. Will Parsons see to it they give northern workers and local contractors a change, rather than bring in people from the south. This has happened quite often in the passed. Thank you.	Hiring locally is encouraged through the weighting of Indigenous Opportunity Considerations in the solicitation. The project has Key Performance Indicators and those include northern business and employment targets. Information on northern contractor labour capacity is available through the Parsons' MCM storefront office.
Requesting a copy of the WebEx recording.	A copy of the presentation is available on www.giantminer.ca/industry-day-2020 . The recordings will not be shared.
Will parsons be establishing a list of vendors and coordinating any matching non-indigenous with indigenous? Skill sets?	The MCM intends to establish a list of local, northern and Indigenous vendors for business-to-business networking by potential MCM subcontractors. Information on northern contractor and Indigenous labour capacity is available through the Parsons' MCM storefront office.
I was informed that soil samples may have been accessible to some parties for bench scale testing? If so, can material be provided to other interested bidders?	Previous technical results, as applicable, will be provided in the solicitation.
Approximately how much material is proposed for soil washing treatment?	52,000 cubic metres of contaminated granular fill (greater than 4,500 mg/kg of total arsenic) is planned to be washed.
What is the treatment guideline value being applied to the soil?	The criteria has been identified; however, the Chamber 15 Arsenic Waste Disposal solicitation has been postponed.
In the process of issuing the RFP for the treatment of arsenic waste with soil washing, has the MCM considered the possibility of including on site pilot testing in the process? We believe that a pilot test would be valuable to - establish the remediation objectives - confirm waste reduction at full scale - identify any bias of the technology for its application on the Giant Mine project This would allow the RFP bidders to better understand the remediation effort required and would ultimately allow their proposals to reflect more closely the real treatment costs.	This approach will be discussed with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC).
Will the outcomes of the 2019 Soil Remediation Heavily Impacted Surficial Soils Request For Proposal (RFI) be made available to potential bidders during the 2021 RFP process ?	Relevant information will be provided during the solicitation.
Our Environmental company is interested in placing a bid on the None Hazardous Waste Landfill. Could we have a link to the tender when it becomes available?	All solicitations will be available through https://www.merx.com and a link will be provided in https://giantminer.ca/ .

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Hello, just wanted to reach out in regards to dust control. we have a road product that I was wondering if it could be of help to keep the dust under control during this project. With there being levels of arsenic I am sure you are want to bind them to prevent them from becoming airborne. Would love to talk and see if our company could help.	Parsons has completed a solicitation for road dust suppressant and currently have a subcontract in place. For future opportunities at the Giant Mine site, please monitor MERX and the Parsons Giant Mine website for further opportunities.
Dust control contract Has the contract been awarded for dust control on site? What is the process for application if not? If yes will there be opportunity later or will there be possible revisions on the products being used? Product approval process, is there specific products or a process to get products approved? When does the project start ? what types of fines or aggregates are trying to be suppressed? Is there any specific non approved products?	Parsons has completed a solicitation for liquid soil stabilizing product and currently have a subcontract in place. For future opportunities at the Giant Mine site, please monitor MERX and the Parsons Giant Mine website for further opportunities.
As a small business "born and raised" already located in Yellowknife one that has extreme familiarity with the entire Giant Mine Surface Site, and can only seem to be a sub of a sub we are wondering if we will be able to access the 100+ attendees register? As we may not be able to facilitate the Indigenous Requirements we would like to be able to offer our knowledge and assistance however we can.	The attendance list, by company, is available on the website.
How many of the companies that were registered for the Industry Day fall under the PSAB and IOC requirements?	Registration to the Industry Day event did not require this information. Please refer to the PSAB business directory at https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/rea-ibd .
What will the maximum Liability Insurance coverage be for this? Currently it is \$5 million wondering if this will increase with the upcoming remediation projects?	Insurance requirements are determined per work package based on associated risks and will be noted in the solicitation.
Knowing that COVID-19 has placed huge restrictions on the NWT Borders and that continual changes are happening to keep the residents of our territory safe, will this be implemented into contracts as we move forward into upcoming work scheduled timelines?	MCM has an Outbreak Prevention and Management Roles Plan which includes a pre-entry questionnaire.
I wanted to inquire how our organization could become one of your preferred vendors for Fuel Supply (and hauling), and if we could fill out a master service agreement you may have to be added to a preferred vendors list.	All solicitations are competitive.
Can I please fill out your master service agreement to become a approved for heavy haul and equipment rentals?	All solicitations are competitive
Would you be able to forward me attendance lists from each of the industry days please?	An attendance list, by company, is available at: https://giantminerp.ca/industry-day-2020 .
What are the planned steps and schedule for designing and procuring the Giant Mine Water Treatment Plant?	The Water Treatment Plant will be a design-bid-build work package. Solicitation will occur within the next five years.
In compiling the information presented, we've identified 4 packages presented during Industry Day 2020: 1. AR1 Freeze Pad Construction 2. Chamber 15 Arsenic Waste Disposal Package 3. Non-hazardous waste landfill - Phase 1 package 4. Townsite Deconstruction Package Can you confirm the packages list is complete and provide an order of magnitude value for each package?	The full work package presented at Industry Day is available at https://giantminerp.ca/industry-day-2020 . However, Chamber 15 Arsenic Waste Disposal has been postponed. We cannot provide order of magnitude for the work packages; however, the Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill will be the first solicitation to be issued from the presented work packages.
The following questions pertain to the First Nation component as this is deemed of significant importance: Can you provide an indication of the weighting of the First Nation component in the RFP evaluation criteria?	The Indigenous Opportunity Consideration weighting is generally 15 percent for an Invitation To Tender (ITT) and up to 20 percent in a Request for Proposal (RFP) of the technical points available for a solicitation.
Are partnerships with First Nations valued above First Nations engagement plans and if so, in what manner?	In order to be able to bid on a PSAB requirement, the bidding firm must be 51 percent owned by an Indigenous firm. If the firm is not 51 percent Indigenous owned, the bid would be deemed non-compliant. The Indigenous Opportunity Consideration is also evaluated within a PSAB tender and the IOC evaluation determines the points allocated to each bidder, depending on the IOC commitments identified by the bidder. If the solicitation is not PSAB specific, there is no additional value outside of IOC.
Are the RFP and the follow-up indigenous engagement plans going to require potential First Nations contractors and subcontractors to be approved entities by First Nation governments or their delegated business entities?	Tlcho businesses, within the Area of the Contract, and the PSAB directory are used as the basis for establishing Indigenous contractors.

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<p>Procurement</p> <p>For the evaluation of proposals, will Parsons employ an all or none scoring system regarding individual technical sections that are not mandatory requirements? That is, will the proponent need to achieve a certain score for the section in order for it to be counted towards the total score? (example: need a score of 70% or more in a particular section to be counted or otherwise a zero score will be applied for that section.)</p>	<p>There will be a minimum passing score for the technical section of the overall solicitation.</p>
<p>For the Townsite Deconstruction project</p> <p>As per Parsons' Site Contracts Manager, he indicated all hazardous waste for the townsite structures will be removed prior to demolition. Will the hazardous materials abatement for the structures be a separate contract or included in the Townsite Deconstruction RFP?</p>	<p>Hazardous waste material abatement and removal will be included as part of the Townsite Deconstruction work package.</p>
<p>Will there be a hazardous materials report be available for all structures and included with the Townsite Deconstruction RFP?</p>	<p>Yes, this will be included in the solicitation.</p>
<p>COVID-19</p> <p>Will any of the required services for the upcoming Giant Mine Remediation projects be considered essential services? If so, which ones would they be?</p>	<p>Under the directions of the Government of the Northwest Territories, Chief Medical Officer, Giant Mine is a federal infrastructure project and as such is an essential service. An exemption to the two-week quarantine period can be applied for from Protect NT.</p>
<p>Would workers for required services on the Giant Mine Remediation projects fall under the NWT rules for mining and oil and gas industry employees and NOT be subject to mandatory 14 self-isolation upon arrival to the NWT?</p>	<p>Under the directions from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Chief Medical Officer, Giant Mine is a federal infrastructure project and as such is an essential service. An exemption to the two-week quarantine period can be applied for from Protect NWT.</p>
<p>Regarding COVID-19, can companies expect that for ALL workers who travel from outside of the NWT for work at the Giant Mine, that they will be subject to the mandatory 14 day self-isolation period prior to being able to access the work site, unless there are changes from the government of the NWT on COVID-19 protocols? And would this be regardless of time off during crew change with the same workers coming back on shift and applicable every time a worker enters into the NWT?</p>	<p>Unless there are changes from the current stand from the Government of the Northwest Territories on COVID-19 protocols, all workers that are essential workers on a federal infrastructure project are required to self-isolate when not on the job (within Yellowknife) and to practice social distancing on the job and wear a mask when there is no opportunity to practice social distancing.</p> <p>Workers who leave the territory are subject to the same conditions as when they first arrived.</p>
<p>Has the abatement contract been established?</p>	<p>This work will be included as part of the Townsite Deconstruction work package.</p>
<p>Is it a point of contact for the abatement contract?</p>	<p>All solicitations will be available through https://www.merx.com and a link will be provided in https://giantminerp.ca/.</p>
<p>Day 1 of the presentation, the Arsenic Waste Disposal solicitation package was tentatively scheduled to be released on October 28th. Has the package been issued yet? If yes, where can I find it? If no, do you have a sense on a date it will be released?</p>	<p>The original solicitation date of October 28, 2021 has been postponed.</p>

