



## Addendum #5

### Drilling General Contractor

Date of Issue: August 1, 2025

Addendum Issue Date: August 29, 2025

This addendum is issued to modify, clarify, or amend the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued on August 1, 2025. This addendum shall become part of the RFP documents and shall be acknowledged by all respondents in their proposals.

Please find meeting notes from the RFP clarification meeting:

#### Meeting notes:

- **Project Overview and Objectives:**

Projeo provided a summary of the government-funded project with ISGS in the Illinois Basin, outlining the need for a general contractor to perform operations work for a stratigraphic test well to be drilled within the next six months.

- **Project Scope and Timeline:** Projeo explained that the project is government-funded and involves collaboration with ISGS, focusing on drilling a stratigraphic test well in the Illinois Basin, with the goal of starting operations within six months or sooner.
- **Contractor Role:** The team is seeking a general contractor to handle operations work for the test well, with evaluation criteria based on the approach to construction and pricing rather than detailed engineering at the bid stage.
- **RFP and Communication:** It was confirmed that updated responses to outstanding questions had been sent to participants, ensuring all bidders have the latest information for proposal preparation.

- **Bid Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:**

Projeo clarified that detailed engineering drawings for pad construction are not required at the bid stage, and bidders should justify their approach and pricing based on experience, with the evaluation focusing on comparability and transparency. Use the shared location for reasonable estimates and provide assumptions used.

- **Pad Engineering Drawing Requirements:** Projeo stated that detailed engineering work for pad construction is not required for the bid; instead, bidders should provide a

quote with justification based on past experience or similar projects, as detailed engineering will be addressed in the contractual phase.

- **Evaluation Approach:** Projeo emphasized the importance of showing work and providing transparent methodologies, as the DOE process requires comparability between bids, and the team does not want to restrict bidders with impractical requirements.

- **Site Location, Access, and Security:**

Projeo addressed questions regarding site coordinates, access road requirements, security expectations, and the need for additional information on the plot and access.

- **Site Coordinates and Plot Details:** Projeo confirmed that the site is not within a power plant facility and will provide updated coordinates and measurements for the plot, which is a 500 by 500 foot area adjacent to a small gravel county road.
- **Access Road and Driveway:** It was inquired about driveway access and potential need for a culvert; Projeo confirmed that a culvert would likely be needed and that the pad is next to the road, but some additional work may be required for access.
- **Security Requirements:** Projeo clarified that there are no specific security requirements or expectations of issues, leaving the approach to security up to the contractor's standard practices.
- **Tree Clearing and Geotechnical Data:** One of the bidders asked about tree clearing and geotechnical borings; Projeo clarified that the pad is in a clearing with trees outside the area, and no geotechnical borings are available for pad design.
- **Action Items for Location Information:** Projeo committed to sharing updated coordinates and measurements for the distance from the road to the pad after the meeting.

- **Well Construction and Testing Considerations:**

Projeo responded to technical questions about formation fluid sampling, vertical interference testing, well conversion plans, cementing requirements, and payment terms.

- **Formation Fluid Sampling:** Regarding a question about the required volume for formation fluid samples; Projeo informed that bidders should specify the tool and chamber volume, aiming for one in situ sample per zone, with no specific volume mandated.

- **Vertical Interference Testing:** Projeo clarified that well testing is out of scope, but well construction should allow for future testing, focusing on evaluating horizontal and vertical permeability between intervals.
- **Well Conversion and End Use:** Projeo explained that, depending on project outcomes, the well may be converted to a monitoring well for the CCS project, with specific zones targeted for storage, caprock, and monitoring, and plug-back with CO<sub>2</sub>-resistant cement.
- **Cementing and Tool Specifications:** About the definition of CO<sub>2</sub>-resistant cement; Projeo stated that the cement must comply with EPA guidance, and bidders should specify the type and dimensions of tools and materials used, especially for core sampling and cementing.
- **Payment Terms and Vendor Responsibilities:** Projeo clarified that payment terms will be negotiated during the contractual phase, with the general contractor responsible for vendor payments and preferences outlined in the RFP.

- **Regulatory and Permitting Guidance:**

Projeo discussed regulatory contacts, the applicability of the Davis Bacon Act, and the approach to compliance with Illinois regulations, clarifying that permitting is not within the contractor's scope.

- **Davis Bacon Act Applicability:** Projeo confirmed that Davis Bacon Act applies to on-site labor and mechanics, and only those contractors would be subject to its requirements.
- **Regulatory Contacts and Permitting:** Projeo clarified that permitting is handled by project stakeholders, not the contractor, and no specific regulatory contacts are provided, but bidders should review available regulations.

- **Water Supply and On-Site Arrangements:**

Projeo confirmed that bidders may propose on-site water wells or alternative arrangements as part of their bid.

- **Water Supply Options:** Projeo stated that the decision is left to the general contractor, who may choose to drill a shallow water well or arrange for water delivery, with no specific method dictated.

- **Seismic Survey and Subsurface Data:**

Projeo confirmed that a 2D survey is underway and will be interpreted before drilling begins.

- **Seismic Survey Status:** Projeo confirmed that a 2D seismic survey is being conducted, but interpretation is pending and will be completed prior to drilling.



- **Proposal Submission and Follow-Up Actions:**

Projeo reminded participants to ensure proposal validity should be for at least 90 days, organize proposals per RFP instructions, and submit additional questions via the purchasing email, with follow-up on location coordinates and measurements. Any comments or deviations from the RFP Terms and Conditions should be included in the proposal.

- **Proposal Validity and Organization:** Projeo requested that proposals remain valid for at least 90 days and be organized according to RFP requirements to facilitate evaluation.
- **Follow-Up Communication:** Projeo instructed participants to send further questions to the purchasing email and confirmed that updated site coordinates and access measurements would be distributed after the meeting.

**Follow-up tasks:**

- **Location Coordinates and Access Measurement:** Send the exact coordinates of the well location and provide a measurement of the distance from the road to the pad to all participants. **Task completed, location sent in Addendum No.4**
- **Seismic Survey Interpretation:** Projeo will share the processed and interpreted results of the 2D seismic survey with chosen vendor prior to drilling the well.

All respondents must acknowledge receipt of this addendum by including a signed copy with their proposal submission.

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Company Name:

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