

Service Rigs and Downhole Tools Pilot - FAQ's

OWA is launching a Supplier of Choice (SoC) Pilot program to improve how Subcontractors engage with the OWA, and our Primes, to secure work. Here are the things that you need to know for the Service Rig and Downhole Tools Pilot.

1) What is the Service Rig and Downhole Tools Pilot?

The Service Rig and Downhole Tools Pilot will test out a new approach where the OWA will select a limited number of pre-qualified Subcontractors and subsequently, through our Primes, bid out individual area projects throughout the year to these pre-qualified Subcontractors. The Pilot will run from January to April 2021. Go to the Contractor Selection for more details.

2) Do existing Subcontractors need to register and pre-qualify?

To be considered “eligible” for future work with the OWA all interested Subcontractors will need to register and pre-qualify. Not all prospective Subcontractors who apply will be successful and pre-qualification does not guarantee work.

3) I'm already in ComplyWorks do I have to do anything?

Shortlisted Subcontractors invited to respond to our Request for Quotation (RFQ) will need to make sure all mandatory compliance information is in ComplyWorks. Once pre-qualified, Subcontractors need to ensure company information is current and you are in good standing.

4) Where do I find out about upcoming OWA work?

New for 2021, upcoming work will be posted on the OWA website under the Current Projects tab. Please check back periodically. Email your questions to our Prime Contractors.

5) How do I get work?

Service Rigs and Downhole Tools Pre-Qualification Pilot for work between April 2021/March 2022 (OWA fiscal year):

In preparation for the fiscal 2021/22 program the OWA will be pre-qualifying a limited group of Subcontractors. From January 12/21 to February 5/21 the OWA will open a registration window for Service Rigs and Downhole Tools Subcontractors. Qualified companies, eligible to work in Alberta, are invited to register. Details can be found on the Contractor Selection page.

Other Major Categories:

For all other decommissioning, remediation and reclamation projects our Prime Contractors will continue to conduct a competitive process to select their Subcontractors for each package of work they receive from the OWA.



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6) What is the selection criteria?

OWA, working with our Prime Contractors, will establish selection criteria for Service Rigs and Downhole Tools. Safety record, location of the work, Subcontractor skill sets, experience and rates all factor into the selection. Field work is more than just having a warm body, so having a good, experienced crew and their track record for working together to produce excellent results will count high.

7) When can I submit a Rate Sheet?

For our Service Rig and Downhole Tools Pilot, rates sheets will be requested when shortlisted Subcontractors are invited to respond to the OWA RFQ.

8) Do I need to subscribe to ComplyWorks?

There are several third-party industry tools used to manage the pre-qualification process and ongoing compliance. OWA has selected ComplyWorks (www.complyworks.com) as the standard software for both Prime and shortlisted Subcontractors. There is a fee to subscribe to ComplyWorks so only shortlisted applicants will need to have it.

9) How do I become a Prime?

At this time, the OWA does not foresee the immediate need for additional Primes as we completed a selection process for new Primes last year. Contractors aspiring to be a Prime should watch the OWA website or LinkedIn for when the next competition will be held. In the meantime, a track record of excellent performance in the field, along with a good safety record, will be valuable when it becomes time to add to our list of Prime Contractors.

10) How many wells are in the fiscal April 2021/ March 2022 program?

There will be approximately 2,500 wells to abandon for the upcoming fiscal year.

Other things you need to know about the SoC Pilot Program? Please direct your questions to supplychain@orphanwell.ca

