



In accordance with Section III C) of the Request for Proposals for Professional Audit Services, the following questions were received and answered.

1. Currently how many leases (both lessor and lessee) does the Authority have in place and which will be in place during the audit term?

The Authority currently has separate non-cancellable operating leases for both the U.S. and Canadian duty free stores, a non-cancellable operating lease with a governmental entity, and a cancellable operating lease with a Canadian government entity. The Authority also leases certain real property under cancelable operating leases for brokerage services (4 U.S. and 9 Canadian) and conduits (8 U.S. and 1 Canadian).

2. What assessments have been done by the Authority regarding GASB87 – Leases?

The Authority has not begun any assessment in relation to GASB 87. It is anticipated that the Authority will work with the successful proponent this year.

3. Has the Authority performed an IT Risk Assessment as well as Business Continuity/Data Recovery certification?

The Authority does not provide internet access or firewall services to Customs or tenants. We currently provide door security (prox card) services for CBSA but we have asked them to install their own system so we can retire the old system in 2020. Customs on both sides of the bridge will have access to an internal web-based PBA border analytics system through their own internet connections when completed.

4. Does the Authority provide network access (i.e. internet and/or firewall services) to the toll plazas or toll operations (customs, etc.) used by its tenants?

The Authority has not performed an official IT Risk Assessment or received a business continuity/data recovery certification to date. We receive weekly federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cyber Hygiene scans on our network facilitated by the New York State Cyber Security Office with an extensive report on their findings. There are no vulnerabilities on our external interfaces of any severity on these weekly reports. We are in the process of applying for a Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (RVA) and a DHS Cyber Resilience Review through the same office that performs our Cyber Hygiene scans. These are free services provided to New York State Government Agencies.

5. The Authority issued Revenue Bonds in 2017 to fund part of the \$100m capital project – will additional borrowings be anticipated for the balance of the project(s) or will existing funds be used?

No additional borrowings are anticipated. Projects are expected to be funded by ongoing operations and reserve funds.

6. Do you have a legal opinion supporting your establishment of the qualified OPEB trust established in 2018 and was that vetted or approved through the NYS office of state comptroller at all during creation?

The Authority's OPEB Trust was written and created with the Authority's attorneys. It was not vetted or approved by the NYS Office of the state comptroller.

7. To date, have any addenda been issued following the initial RFP?

There has not been any addenda issued following the initial RFP.

8. Under Section IV, Item B, last bullet - I presume the remainder of the sentence is to say "published on the Authority's website?"

Yes you are correct, the remainder of that sentence should say "published on the Authority's website."

9. Based on your bond indenture, are there any reporting requirements related to conformance with debt covenants or compliance upon which we will be required to opine?

Nothing beyond the audited financial statements.

10. Who is responsible for preparing the financial statements and notes?

The preparation of financial statements and notes are currently the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer and the Finance Supervisor. This does not preclude working with the auditors to sort out various notes and disclosures.

11. How many auditors were in the field last year and for approximately how many days?

There were 2 field auditors and one Manager for three days during interim fieldwork and the same for approximately 8 days to finalize the year-end audit. The Manager was not present in the field for all days mentioned.

12. What was the fee for the prior year's services?

In order to respect confidentiality with our current auditing firm and in fairness to submit a competitive bid, we will not disclose their fee at this time.