

1 Q. **Reference: Application Rev. 1, Volume 1, 2021 to 2025 Capital Plan, pages 2 and 3**

2 Would SNC Lavalin and Hatch be allowed to bid on the Bay d'Espoir penstock refurbishment
3 work if approved by the Board?

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6 A. SNC Lavalin and Hatch would be allowed to bid on the Bay d'Espoir penstock refurbishment
7 work if such project is approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. At this time,
8 there are no known conflict of interest reasons to prevent either supplier from bidding. All of
9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") open calls include language to address conflict of
10 interest situations. Hydro's procurement is conducted in accordance with the *Public*
11 *Procurement Act* Framework, including the Public Procurement Policy,¹ the intent of which is to
12 enable public bodies to achieve best value, transparency, and accountability in procurement.

¹ The Public Procurement Policy can be accessed at www.gov.nl.ca/ppa/files/Public-Procurement-Policy_Revised-Sept-2020-v1.pdf