

Questions & Answer

RFP – Rope Change

- 1) Is There a set timeline for completion of this job
(Does the job require 24/7 shifts)

The contractor will have 100% access to the Ross Hoist starting on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 am (assuming prior mobilization and setup is completed as much as possible before this date). The Sanford lab would like this project to be completed within 1 week (no later than Monday, November 2 at 6:00 am). The contractor is not required to work night shifts. During the night shifts of this project the shaft crews will be checking limits and setting level marks. If the 1 week interval is too short (or requires night shift work to complete) please specify what is needed so it can be communicated to other projects that require shaft usage.

- 2) Can the safety training required be scheduled for the same week as the job start, or will there have to be a separate trip scheduled for training?

Training can be accomplished remotely through ZOOM or at the Sanford lab. If they elect to have it in the classroom/onsite, it must be accomplished on the first day of arrival, first thing in the morning after they process through COVID screening. They will also need to process in through admin for badges. The contractor should plan for 90 minutes of training that includes surface and Ross complex hazard training.

Remote ZOOM training class can be scheduled at any time that works out best for everyone with an unlimited class size.

Onsite Training will require group sizes be limited to 10 people at a time.

- 3) How much involvement will your shaft crew have in assisting the contractor. (I.E. Attaching the hoist rope to the drum and conveyance).

The shaft crew will be around the contractor for the entire duration of this project. However, their roll will be to assist the contractor with the use of Sanford lab specific equipment and processes. Such as:

- Communicating with the hoist operator for hoist movement
- Assisting the contractor with the use of the overhead cranes or other Sanford lab specific equipment if needed

The last rope change was performed by Homestake. The current shaft crews have never taken part in a rope change, been around spelter socket style connections (currently a thimble and rope clips are used), or removed/connected the hoist rope to the drum so the contractor should plan to use their own experienced staff as much as possible.