

MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis

Section 1: General Information

Scouting Number	2026-417
Item to be Scouted	Rail Train for Continuously Welded Rail
Days to be scouted	30
Response Due By	08/28/2026
Description	Quandel is investigating, on behalf of a client, US manufacturing capabilities to manufacture One Continuous Welded Rail Train: CWR unit train; payload capacity of 80,000 linear feet of 1600' strings of CWR; 50 year industry

Section 2: Technical Information

Type of supplier being sought	Manufacturer
Reason	BABA
Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)	Not an ongoing manufacturing process - rail train would be purchased and used to deliver US-manufactured rail from, most frequently, Steel Dynamics' rail manufacturing facility in Columbia City, Indiana, to various railroads on client's system.
Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	Current spec is for 24 railcars and 2 tunnel cars; client open to any configuration of railcars that accommodates 80,000 linear feet of CWR per loadout. Additional information contained in Rail Train Specs attachment.
List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	A number of materials are anticipated to be incorporated into the rail train, including railcar frames, railcar trucks, loading and unloading equipment, and many additional items.
Are there applicable certification requirements?	No
Are there applicable regulations?	Yes
Details	Federal Railroad Administration standard railcar regulations. https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-II/part-215 They are all very general
Are there any other standards, requirements, etc.?	No
Additional Technical Comments	

Section 4: Business Information

Estimated potential business volume	Will consist of the purchase of 1 rail train.
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	Original cost estimated to be approximately \$5,250,000. Please do not share this information with potential manufacturers as we plan to progress to an RFI/RFP process with any identified manufacturers in the future.
When is it needed by?	Timeline is flexible.
Describe packaging requirements	No packaging to be included.
Where will this item be shipped?	To be delivered to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Additional Comments

Is there other information you would like to include?

Project is funded via Federal Railroad Administration competitive discretionary grant program.
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We are aware Holland manufactures a rail train - unknown as to where the components of their train are sourced. Once other potential manufacturers are identified, we will start an RFI/RFP process to determine additional sourcing.

Thank you!