**Tower Inspection and Cathodic Protection RFP Question Responses**

1. Does the State of SD require a bid bond and/or performance or payment bonds if awarded?  If so, what % of contract amount does the bid bond need to be?

**No.**

1. Are you able to provide the number of anchors for each guyed tower?  We will assume most are three anchor towers.

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| **Tower Site** | **Number of Anchor Points** |
| Aberdeen | 3 |
| Billsburg | 3 |
| Bowdle | 3 |
| Brookings | 3 |
| Castle Rock | 3 |
| Crandall | 3 |
| Herreid | 6 |
| Iona | 3 |
| McPherson | 3 |
| Miller | 6 |
| Mitchell | 3 |
| Mt. Coolidge | 3 |
| Ridgeview | 6 |
| Shadehill | 3 |
| Slim Buttes | 0 - Self supporting |
| Sly Hill | 0 - Self supporting |
| Summit | 3 |
| Terry Peak | 3 |
| Toronto | 6 |
| Turkey Ridge | 9 |
| Webster | 6 |
| Willow Creek | 6 |
| Edgemont | 3 |
| Huron | 6 |
| Pierre | 0 - Monopole |
| Ipswich | 6 |

1. Will you confirm if all towers will have step bolts and/or climbing ladder, and safety climbs available for tower crews accessing the towers?

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| Tower Site | Climbing Notes |
| Aberdeen | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Billsburg | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Bowdle | YES, safety climb cable on ladder inside tower |
| Brookings | YES, safety climb cable outside on North face of tower |
| Castle Rock | YES, safety climb cable on ladder inside tower |
| Crandall | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Edgemont | NO safety climb cable, outside climb |
| Huron | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Herreid | YES, safety climb cable on outside of tower |
| Iona | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Ipswich | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| McPherson | YES, safety climb on tower steps, outside climb |
| Miller | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder. Tower has Bridge Strand guy cable - Upper 2 guy levels |
| Mitchell | NO safety climb cable, outside climb 3 ft face tower |
| Mt. Coolidge | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Pierre | YES, safety climb cable between step bolts |
| Ridgeview | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Shadehill | NO safety climb cable, outside climb 18" face tower |
| Slim Buttes | NO safety climb cable, step bolts on one leg |
| Sly Hill | YES, safety climb cable, step bolts on one leg |
| Summit | NO safety climb cable, outside climb 3 ft face tower |
| Terry Peak | NO safety climb cable, tower face horizontals outside climb |
| Toronto | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Turkey Ridge | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Webster | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |
| Willow Creek | NO safety climb cable, inside climbing ladder |

1. Will the owner allow the use of UAV technology in place of a climbing assessment which is proven to be safer and more cost effective?
	1. If yes, to the previous question, is there a required process to pre-qualify contractors to fly UAVs?
	2. If no, can contractors bid on the Anchor Inspection and Anchor Guard scopes while not bidding the Tower Inspection scope?

**Climbing assessments are requested under this RFP. Bidders are asked to bid on all items requested as a complete offering for a tower.**