

By email to BruceG.Kenny@ottawa.ca

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City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1

**Re: Technical Bulletin ISTB-2020-01
Health and Safety Management System Requirements**

Dear Bruce,

Notwithstanding best efforts it appears that our members may not be in a position to meet the requirements of ISTB-2020-01 or to comply with the proposed wording for the tender cover sheet by January 1, 2023.

I confirm that all of our members that will be impacted by the January 1, 2023 deadline are working towards COR certification. I note as well that all contractors that are COR2015 certified will be required by IHSA to update to COR2020 in their next audit after January 1, 2023 and the distinction between COR2015 and COR2020 will become moot as COR2015 is phased out.

We suggest that a revised technical bulletin and the following wording on tender cover sheets would be appropriate to relieve uncertainty and ensure that the City of Ottawa will not unnecessarily restrict the number of eligible bidders come January 1, 2023.

The City will accept the following OHSMS on the basis they have been independently certified and audited.

- *ISO 45001:2018: Occupational health and safety management systems*
- *CSA Z45001-19: Occupational health and safety management systems*
- *BS OHSAS 18001: 2007: Occupational health and safety management system – Requirements transitioning to BS OHSAS 45001:2008 by Jan 1, 2023*
- *IHSA COR – IHSA Certificate of Recognition*

Any company registered in the COR program that can produce a letter of good standing would also be eligible to bid on City jobs during this transition period.

Please let me know if you require additional information and we look forward to further discussion.

Sincerely,



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