

Attachment 2

**Freight Rail Service Operator
Request for Proposals Schedule**

Task	Date
Consultants Prepare Draft RFP	March and April 2005
SCCRTC Reviews Draft RFP	May 5, 2005
RFP Information Obtained from UP	May 2005
SCCRTC Reviews and Releases Final RFP	June 2, 2005
RFP Available and Mailed	June 6, 2005
Pre-Proposal Conference	June 27, 2005
Proposals Due	July 18, 2005
Selection Committee Reviews Proposals	July 19 to 31, 2005
Short-List Selected and Firms Notified	August 1, 2005
Interview Short-List Firms and Selection Committee Makes Recommendation	Week of August 15, 2005
SCCRTC Considers Selection Committee Recommendation and Selects Firm	September 1, 2005
Complete Negotiations with Selected Firm	September 20, 2005
SCCRTC Approves Contract with Selected Firm	October 6, 2005
New Freight Service Provider Begins Operations	December 1, 2005