

Notice to intending applicants

For Non-Replaceable Forest Licence A76400 in the Vanderhoof Forest District of the Prince George Timber Supply Area

Pursuant to Section 13(2) and 14.1 of the *Forest Act*, the Minister of Forests has authorized the Regional Manager of the Northern Interior Forest Region to invite "persons" to submit an application for a non-replaceable forest licence (NRFL) to salvage stands of beetle killed timber from specific areas of Crown land within the Vanderhoof Forest District of the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

NRFL A76400 will have a term of 10 years, an allowable annual cut (AAC) of 250 000 cubic metres per year from stands meeting the licence criteria, and is located in the Gatcho Lake area.

The successful applicants will be required to construct a new timber processing facility(s) and/or expand an existing timber processing facility(s) to meet the licence specifications. Applicants can hold more than one forest licence awarded under Section 14.1 of the *Forest Act*, but the facility proposed in an application must have a minimum input capacity, 40 percent greater than the cumulative AAC or equivalent log volume, of any combination of those licences. The new or expanded timber processing facility(s)

required by these licences **cannot be designed to produce** dimensional softwood lumber (includes metric and imperial sized and J-grade) or similar items (such as boards, cants, flooring and siding) whether or not planed, sanded, or finger jointed. Any applications not meeting these criteria will be considered ineligible for these licence opportunities.

The successful applicants will be required to undertake all operational planning, engineering, and silviculture work and associated costs under these licences in accordance with the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and any associated regulations.

All eligible applications will be evaluated on the basis of highest lump sum bonus offer, pursuant to Section 13(4) of the *Forest Act*, not on the basis of the processing facility(s) proposed to be constructed and/or expanded to meet the licence requirements.

**Send applications to:
Regional Manager
Ministry of Forests,
Northern Interior Forest Region
1011 Fourth Avenue
Prince George, British Columbia V2L 3H9**

Applications must be submitted in sealed containers marked "**APPLICATION AND TENDER FOR NRFL A76400 VANDERHOOF FOREST DISTRICT, PRINCE GEORGE TIMBER SUPPLY AREA**" and must be received on, or before, **3:30 PM (PST) on Thursday, April 7, 2005.**

Applications received after the deadline for the specified licence will not be accepted.

Tender packages and/or additional information can be obtained by contacting either the Regional Manager of the Northern Interior Forest Region at 250-565-6100, or the District Manager of the Vanderhoof Forest District at 250-567-6363, or by emailing your request to:

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