Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Notice To Bidders

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The following information is provided to guide potential bidders in forming their bids for the work described in the tender documents for this project.

The Contractor will be obligated to comply with all applicable occupational health and safety laws including but not limited to the Workers Compensation Act (WCA) and Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (OHSR).

The WCA requires that an employer ensure that all activities of the operation are conducted in a manner consistent with the Act and safe work practices. All work areas must be assessed for hazards, including danger trees, before work can commencement in the area.

A full assessment is required of the suspect danger trees by a certified Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor, where these trees are to be retained. The recommendations made in the assessment, in the consideration of applicable site plans, must be implemented before the work referred to in that area starts. Recommendations may include falling the danger tree, creating a no-work zone around the danger tree or a modified work plan including but not limited to working only in low wind conditions, utilizing a spotter and minimizing worker exposure to the hazard.

Where falling activities are undertaken, the contractor must have a qualified falling supervisor designated to the site and evidence of a falling plan in place. Certified and qualified fallers must be used for all falling operations and qualified assistance must be available. The successful bidder will be asked to produce evidence of having access to the appropriate personnel, including verification of their qualification and certification (eg. faller cards, supervisor certificates and/or proof of falling supervisor qualifications).

The Wildfire Act (section 6(3)(a)) states that a person carrying out an industrial activity must "immediately carry out fire control and extinguish the fire, if practicable" on any fire within 1 km of their work site. The WCA (section 26.3.1) states that any worker who may be called upon to fight a forest fire must receive firefighting training acceptable to the Workers Compensation Board and that training must be delivered on an annual basis.