

1.0 Overview of the Work/Service Required

The purpose of this proposed contract is to clear dead, damaged or undesirable timber from the Work Place so the area can be successfully planted with tree seedlings to establish a new forest. Work will be inclusive of timber felling, skidding, decking and removing the fibre from site, all in block and out of block road construction necessary to remove the fiber from the site, all road rehabilitation and road deactivation required by Forsite's treatment plans, all piling and burning of non-utilized fibre (including roadside or landing debris) and the repairing of any on site man made structures present prior to harvesting and damaged as a result of harvesting activities, for example, fences.

The successful bidder must obtain a forest licence to cut (FLTC) from the MOFR, Nadina District, within seven (7) days after the signing of the proposed contract.

Contract award and commencement is subject to the provision of approved FFT Funding.

See the contract document for full details of the above and other duties of the Contractor.

2.0 Project Description

The opening identified for treatment is comprised mainly of dense immature (50 – 65 year old) lodgepole pine stems that have been killed by Mountain pine beetle. The stand has been surveyed and deemed to be not satisfactorily restocked (NSR) and therefore mechanical site preparation treatment is required to prepare the site for planting in 2011.

The mechanical site preparation treatment will mainly involve:

- a) Danger tree assessment and falling (where required);
- b) cutting 100% of the pine stems greater than 3m tall, to a maximum 30cm stump;
- c) construction and rehabilitation of temporary access structures;
- d) piling/mulching and/or removal of the cut stems;
- e) if removing all or a portion of the stems on the site, any residual slash must be piled/mulched;
- f) burning of debris piles upon completion of site preparation and waste assessment activities.

3.0 Program Information

The Forest for Tomorrow program was set up to respond to the catastrophic wildfires and the mountain pine beetle epidemic. The program was introduced by government in 2005 with an initial amount of \$161M being allocated towards this program over four years.

The program is aimed at improving the future timber supply and addressing risks to other forest values through the re-establishment of young forests on land that would otherwise remain under-productive. The program focuses on land that is primarily within the timber harvesting land base yet outside of forest industry obligations.

The program emphasizes surveying, site preparation, and planting. These treatments are guided by strategic level program planning, seed supply planning, silviculture strategies and timber supply analysis.

4.0 Site Viewing/Information Meeting

The viewing of the proposed cut block is optional; however, Forsite strongly recommends that the cut block be viewed by the bidder prior to bidding. The cut block is to be bid in its current condition.

5.0 Contract Term/Work Schedule

The issuance of this proposed contract is contingent on FFT funding levels at the provincial and TSA level, as well as the mandate of the FFT program, as modified from time to time. The term of the contract will be from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. During this time frame the Contractor must complete all phases of the work. If the Contractor does not complete the work within this time frame then there is no guarantee that the contract will be extended beyond March 31, 2011. **Any extensions to the contract would be subject to FFT funding levels at the provincial and TSA level, as well as the mandate of the FFT program, as modified from time to time.**

The successful Contractor shall be required to have a pre-work meeting with the Forsite Representative to review the contract prior to commencement of the work. Any subjects discussed and decisions made at the pre-work conference shall form an integral part of the contract.

6.0 Treatment Plans

An FFT treatment plan for the proposed cut block will be included in the tender package. The bidder is expected to read and understand the contents of these documents.

7.0 Access

To access the treatment area travel to 14km on the West Francois FSR then turn right (south) on the Branch 13 Road and proceed for approximately 5km (using 4WD vehicle) to a wet area where an ATV is required for the remaining 1km to the openings. Alternatively, the treatment area could be accessed by snow mobile via the Bodin FSR from the Wystaria Highway (this was the access that the layout crew used in late February 2010). Co-ordinates are N 53°54' 15" W 126°13' 29".

8.0 Production and Supervision

The previous week's production must be given to Forsite on the Monday of the following week. Units of production would be in hectares cleared and cubic meters hauled.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that they have adequate on site supervision for the harvesting crews and is monitoring the harvesting activities on an ongoing basis.

9.0 Safety

The Contractor must adhere to its safety plan and provide Forsite a copy of its safety plan.

10.0 Holdbacks

A twenty percent (20%) holdback will apply to all contract payments.

11.0 Stop work orders, notices to comply, notices of termination

These items are discussed in the contract and will be used as tools if problems arise with the Contractor's production, performance, safety items, and any other non-compliance with contract conditions.

12.0 Stumpage

The stumpage rate is yet to be determined for sawlog grades 1 and 2 that are removed in log form under the FLTC. An addendum will be posted to the FFT website prior to the Tender closing date indicating the expected stumpage rate for grades 1 and 2. The stumpage rate for dry grade 4 and grade 6 logs will be \$0.25/m³ based on normal weight scaling procedures. Timber that is ground into hog fuel or chipped on the FLTC area will have an equivalent stumpage rate of \$0.25/m³. All stumpage rates will be fixed for the term of the FLTC and any extensions.

13.0 Forsite's Required Safety Forms

Attached to the tender are two Pre-Contract Safety Forms

1. Pre-Contract Review Form
2. Prime Contractor Assignment Agreement

Please review these forms as they will be required to be filled out and signed prior to entering into a Service Agreement.