



December 1, 2009

Dear Recipients:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Forest Genetics Council of British Columbia, *Call for Proposals*, for the Operational Tree Improvement Program for 2010-2011. As with past years, the *Call* will focus on increasing the quantity and quality of genetically selected material for regenerating British Columbia's forests. It will also provide opportunities for incremental activities related to Mountain Pine Beetle reforestation needs.

Funding for this program is to be provided under the Forest Investment Account – Forest Conservation and Management Program. Please be aware that final approval of all projects is subject to the availability of funding, as well as, the recommendation of the selected committee based on criteria, priorities and funding allocation

As with previous years, the Council wishes to ensure that distribution of the *Call for Proposals* is as wide as possible and reaches as many parts of the forest sector that have an interest in tree improvement. If you are not the individual within your organization responsible for tree genetics, seed production or use, please forward the proposal to the appropriate person.

The submission deadline for proposals is 4:00 P.M. on **January 12, 2010**. Please refer to the application forms for greater detail on the submission. An electronic version of the application forms and the *Call* are also available on the [Ministry of Forests and Range, Tree Improvement Branch website](#) along with the "OTIP Eligible Activities" by Species table.

Please note changes made in recent years and maintained for 2010-2011. These changes have provided reviewers with clearer information for each proposal.

- The budget sheet has been modified to provide clearer information to the review committee:
  - Proponents must calculate the cost per KPI (excluding administration costs).
  - Proponents are asked to provide loaded hourly rate information (if applicable).
- Proponents are asked to provide financial information on the **unit price of certain activities** such as the cost per cone for extraction or the cost per litre of pollen collected.
- When providing cost/orchard pest surveys – proponents must indicate the relative orchard size (small, medium or large).
- Proponents should provide the annual seedling needs for each SPU where a proposal is being submitted.
- Proponents are asked to provide specifics about the actual product to be created from the project.
- All final reports for Technical Support (Activity 350) projects will be forwarded to the Extension Technical Advisory Committee for review, with the possibility of using the information for technical transfer.
- **MPB Incremental projects** should be prepared and identified separately. A box on the front of the application form has been provided to indicate the type of proposal.

If you have questions or require further information please contact me at 250-356-1127 or by e-mail at [Darrell.Wood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Darrell.Wood@gov.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

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