

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Mandatory SAFE Company Certification for Contracts

When it comes to worker safety, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) is committed to doing its part to ensure safety of resource workers. To that end, effective April 1, 2017, the ministry will be applying the Safety Accord Forest Enterprise (SAFE) Company Certification as contract eligibility policy for all in-scope, competitively tendered contracts, as well as direct award offers of contract. Some subcontractors will also need to be SAFE certified as per the terms and conditions of the contracts.

Contracts offered by the following branches of FLNRO are impacted:

- Engineering Branch
- Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch
- Resource Practices Branch
- Range Branch
- Recreation Sites and Trails Branch
- BC Timber Sales
- BC Wildfire Service

Examples of the types of work affected by this new policy include:

- Road construction, maintenance and deactivation;
- Silviculture;
- Forest health;
- Contracts that involve hand falling;
- Range ecosystem restoration work;
- BC Timber Sales, including silviculture, road work and other field related works;
- Recreation Branch work, including road construction and maintenance, danger tree removal, and construction involving heavy equipment for extensive excavation or major facilities;
- BC Wildfire Service operational contracts; and
- Professional service contracts providing oversight, planning or having influence over the works mentioned above.

In the rare circumstances, where SAFE certification is not a requirement, preference will be given to SAFE certified firms.

The complete policy is available for review from the [BC Government Doing Business on the Land Base](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/doing-business-on-the-land-base/public-and-worker-health-and-safety) public website (<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/doing-business-on-the-land-base/public-and-worker-health-and-safety>). For more information, please contact the ministry representative noted in the bid package.

Contractors interested in the types of work impacted should attain SAFE certification early to ensure their eligibility. To attain SAFE certification, contact the BC Forest Safety Council at 1 877 741-1060 or visit the website <http://www.bcforestsafes.org/>