

FLNRO Policy Regarding the Application of S.A.F.E. as an eligibility to bid or enter into contracts Dec 22, 2015

BC WILDFIRE SERVICE (BCWS) Appendix G

This section applies to BCWS. All contract services for BCWS are considered to be emergency services and as such no obligatory requirement for S.A.F.E. Certification will be applied, however many of the contracted services do affect and influence the overall safety record and safety culture of the forest sector which is a key partner for BCWS. As such BCWS supports the application of the standard via preferential call out for emergency services work effective April 1 2017, where the needs of the emergency can be addressed. In scope contracts for BCWS when selected for deployment will be done with a preference toward S.A.F.E. Certified firms providing they can meet the operational demands. Out of scope contracts will not have this preference considered. Below is the list of contract types that BCWS deems to be in scope and out of scope.

“In Scope” Contracts (Preference Only for Emergency Services)

- Fire Crew Services
- Danger Tree Assessing
- Danger Tree Falling
- Faller Coordinators
- Danger Tree Specialists
- Fire Behaviour Specialists
- Rehabilitation Specialists
- Rehabilitation Coordinators
- Rehabilitation Planning and Implementation
- QST services
- Danger Tree Blasting
- Forestry Specialists - for “creek crossing location and mitigation, culvert installation, slope stability assessments, fire line location input, timber removal and decking expertise, danger tree management with heavy equipment”
- Ignition Planning
- Line Locators
- Heavy Equipment Supervision
- Heavy Equipment Rental
- Structural Protection Crews

“Out of Scope” Contracts (No preference considered for S.A.F.E. Certified firms)

- Traffic Control Services on Highways (under the Transportation Act)
- Aircraft Services and operations
- First Aid Services
- Other contracted logistic and consulting services not working on fire suppression activities.

Exemption Authority (for BCWS exemptions should not normally be required as the requirement is not absolute and should be applied as preference only, however in the event exemption authority is necessary or prudent the following BCWS personal shall carry this authority for BCWS work)

All excluded members of the BCWS Leadership team or parties in an acting capacity for these positions

BC Wildfire Service approved:

Executive Director:  August 22, 2016