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BC Timber Sales – Notice of intent to discontinue a service

Information to Bidders

BC Timber Sales will no longer be using the Official Notices System (ONS) to post advertisements for timber sale auctions effective October 1, 2020 upon which, all timber sale licence advertisements will be posted only on the [BC BID](#) webpage.

There is no change to the bid submission process. Paper submissions for advertised licences can still be submitted in the standard process, and electronic bids can be made using BC BID.

Why?

Since April 1, 2017, notices for TSL auctions have been posted on both the ONS and the [BC BID](#) websites. However the full TSL auction packages have only been available on [BC BID](#).

The [BC BID](#) website is the only platform able to provide convenience and support the service of bidding electronically. It has been increasing in popularity with BCTS registrants using the e-bidding services.

Discontinuing the ONS will eliminate the risk of posting mismatching TSL auction information.

When will this happen?

October 1, 2020.

How will this affect clients?

Clients will no longer be notified by the ONS system when TSL auctions are posted.

What action is required?

Clients and the public may view the TSL auction listings on [BC BID](#) website at any time free of charge.

A mail service notification system is available thru BC BID for a \$100 annual fee. You are welcome to signup at your own cost.

BC Timber Sales is currently paying the \$150 annual BC BID registration fee for clients to register for electronic bidding.

You will need to register with [BC BID](#) in order to be automatically notified of changes or amendments to posted selected opportunities.

Information on [BC BID](#) and BCTS specific Q&A, and documentation for registration is available on the [BC Timber Sales – Timber Sale Licences](#) webpage. You are encouraged to review and register.

Send feedback and comments to Forests.BCTimberSalesHQOffice@gov.bc.ca

- BC Bid Technical questions – BC BID Service desk BCBID@gov.bc.ca