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All BC Timber Sales Registrants

Dear BC Timber Sales Registrant:

In response to queries and input from the BC Timber Sales' (BCTS) Timber Sales Advisory Council, the program will be initiating a pilot project to allow participating registrants to submit tenders electronically (eBidding) for all Timber Sale Licences (TSLs) advertised on or after April 1, 2017, that are not requiring a bid deposit. eBidding is safe, secure, and allows for the electronic submission of tenders. Many businesses and government organizations employ eBidding options for client convenience, increased efficiency and cost savings for both the client and the vendor. Some BCTS registrants have indicated that an eBidding alternative will also offer a safety benefit by providing a rapid alternative to hand delivering of tender packages on the closing day of auctions.

During the pilot period, BCTS will accept tenders for TSLs either through eBidding submission or by the current paper-based tender form method. TSL auctions will be advertised online on the BC Bid and through the Official Notices website (<http://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/pub/notices/init.do>).


BC Bid is a well-established BC Government electronic system that provides a convenient way to access bid opportunities (e.g. goods, services and contracts) posted by more than 400 provincial public sector organizations (e.g. cities and other local governments, school boards, health authorities, Crown corporations and the B.C. government) and includes value-added opportunity notifications and e-bidding services. Some of you may already be registered with BC Bid but may still have to be registered for the eBidding service.

Once details and timelines are finalized around the eBidding pilot project, we will provide you with instructions on the BC Bid and eBidding registration process and how to submit an eBid for an advertised TSL.

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I encourage you try out this innovative approach for offering you timber sale opportunities and submitting your tender applications.

Yours truly,

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