All BC Timber Sales Registrants

Dear BC Timber Sales Registrant:

This letter is a follow-up to my letter of January 13, 2017 introducing a pilot project to allow participating BC Timber Sales (BCTS) registrants to submit tenders electronically (e-Bidding). I wish to inform you that the e-Bidding pilot project will commence April 1, 2017 for any Timber Sales Licences (TSL) advertised on or after April 1, 2017 that do not require a bid deposit. The pilot project is scheduled to run until October 31, 2017.

The following information to assist you in registering for BC Bid e-Bidding services and submitting eBids may be found on the BCTS e-Bidding webpage at https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/e-bidding/:

- BC Timber Sales Supplier’s Guide to Registering for e-Bidding;
- BC Timber Sales Supplier’s Guide to Browsing TSL Opportunities and e-Bidding;
- e-Bidding Authorization Form; and
- General questions and answers concerning e-Bidding.

TSL opportunities will be advertised on the BC Bid website at http://www.bc.bid.gov.bc.ca to facilitate the e-Bidding process and through the Official Notices (ONS) website at http://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/pub/notices.

Links to the BC Bid website, the ONS website, and the BCTS e-Bidding webpage can also be accessed through the BCTS website at https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/.

Note: Commencing April 1, 2017 all TSL tender information attachments will only be available through BC Bid.

During the e-Bidding pilot project, BCTS will accept tenders for TSLs either through e-Bidding submission or by the current paper-based tender form process.

BCTS registrants who register for the e-Bidding service before October 1, 2017 will have the one (1) year e-Bidding subscription cost covered by BCTS. However, BCTS will not pay the
subscription cost for BCTS registrants that are already registered when the pilot project begins or those that renew their e-Bidding service after September 30, 2017.

For TSLs advertised before April 1, 2017, or for TSLs that require a bid deposit, applications will only be accepted by the paper-based tender form method at the Timber Sales Office that advertised the TSL.

I encourage you try out this innovative approach for offering timber sale opportunities and submitting your tender applications. Updates on the project will be posted periodically to the BCTS e-Bidding webpage identified in the second paragraph of this letter. If you have any questions, please call your local timber sales office.

Yours truly,

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