

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

RECREATION SITES AND TRAILS BRANCH (RST) Appendix E

This section applies to RST. RST undertakes a relatively high number of low value contracts (typically less than \$25,000) and equipment rental agreements annually. Many contractors are small operators who provide unique services to RST only (i.e. husband and wife doing recreation site maintenance contracts).

RST's objective is to maintain consistency with other program area requirements for SAFE Certification in similar contract types while maintaining the necessary flexibility to ensure unique contracted services and providers remain available.

RST contracts may be unique from other more typical ministry operational contracts. First, many contractors perform services for minimal remuneration which acts as a disincentive to increased requirements. Secondly, in many remote areas of the province, there is little incentive for contractors to be competitive and seek certification where they have little or no competition and where they do not undertake other government or industry work.

"In Scope" Contracts

- Danger Tree Falling and Removal
- Road Construction and Maintenance of Roads
- Heavy equipment to undertake major excavation or installation (e.g. site development, dock installation, bridge installation) (i.e. works that would be similar in scope to engineering branch activities)
- Professional services that plan or influence what where when and how in scope work and projects are undertaken including danger tree assessment which prescribes tree falling)

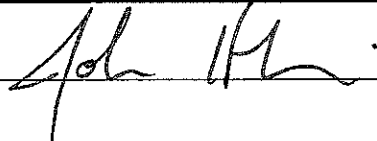
"Out of Scope Contracts

- Recreation site maintenance (Standard maintenance of sites including garbage pick up/collection, small facility repair, painting, raking, table, sign and fire pit installation.
- Minor facility construction (i.e. without major excavation) (e.g. building kiosk, tables, outhouses excavation.
- Trail Maintenance Contracts (hand and small equipment without major excavation)
- Trail Construction Contracts (including use of small equipment without major excavations)
- Danger Tree undertaken as part of site and trail maintenance but does not prescribe or finalize plans to address other than further qualified assessment and determination of appropriate mitigation strategies.
- Toilet Pumping.
- Professional services not involving field activities or supporting out of scope activities and work
- Site Hosting and Site Operator Services (includes support payments to site host where fees may not be collected or do not cover cost of services)

Exemption Authority (for RST contracts)

Director Recreation Sites and Trails Branch and Provincial Recreation Manager

Range Sites and Trails Branch approved:

Director:  Date: March 14, 2016