



BC WILDFIRE SERVICE (BCWS) NOTICE TO THE VENDOR COMMUNITY AND CONTRACTORS

The Province has received questions from vendors and contractors about possible challenges related to COVID-19 directives provided by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO).

BCWS is considered to be an essential service provider (see the Backgrounder at <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0020-000568>).

BCWS, including its contractors and service providers, will remain operational and ready to provide services in preparation for and during the 2020 fire season. They must, however, follow the orders and guidance provided by the PHO to ensure safe operations and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Currently, contractual requirements, including submission dates by which certifications must be provided, have not changed. BCWS may engage with individual contractors in relation to modifications to address COVID-19-related matters. This includes the submission dates by which certifications must be provided, as proof that training courses (as may be required in the procurement process) have been completed.

Any changes that may affect these procurements prior to their respective Closing Time will be posted on BC Bid. Any changes with respect to executed contracts will be communicated to the affected contractors, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable contracts.