



Taan Forest Limited Partnership Request for Proposals

Alder Harvesting Opportunity

In co-ordination with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Taan Forest Limited Partnership (Taan) is seeking bids for an opportunity to develop and harvest stands with a minimum alder component by volume of 50 per cent on Louise Island within Tree Farm Licence 60 (refer to map with tender package at <http://www.taanforest.com/index.php?page=contract-opportunities>).

As the intent of the contract is to encourage utilization of red alder through local processing, the bidding eligibility will be restricted to proponents who own or lease one or more processing facilities within the Haida Gwaii Forest District. Ownership of the red alder logs and conifer logs will be contingent on development of a purchase agreement with Taan Forest as part of the contract.

Bidders will be responsible for all phases of development and harvest including block layout (e.g., layout and all required assessments, Site Plans), reactivation, road building and road maintenance until harvest completion and residue assessments. Taan will be responsible for cutting permit and appraisal submission, acquiring the timbermark, First Nations consultation, waste surveys, payment of BC revenue charges for stumpage (to be passed on to Contractor via the contract payments) and managing post-harvest obligations to free growing including reforestation.

Bidders are strongly advised to conduct a thorough field review of the proposal area to determine potential cut block areas with >50% alder, wood quality, access requirements, road construction & reactivation and other factors that would affect the bonus bid.

The successful applicant will be required to implement and conform to the following Taan Forest management plans and procedures (and therefore are advised to become fully aware of): the requirements under the [Haida Gwaii Forest Stewardship Plan](http://www.taanforest.com/uploads/pdfs/Haida%20Gwaii%20FSP%20(signed)%20-%20(November%202011).pdf) (November 2011) found at [http://www.taanforest.com/uploads/pdfs/Haida%20Gwaii%20FSP%20\(signed\)%20-%20\(November%202011\).pdf](http://www.taanforest.com/uploads/pdfs/Haida%20Gwaii%20FSP%20(signed)%20-%20(November%202011).pdf)

and the Taan Forest *Corporate Management System (CMS)*, as amended from time to time (adherence to the Taan CMS ensures conformance to the [Taan Forest/BCTS Chinook FSC® Management Plan](http://www.taanforest.com/index.php?page=protecting-our-land)) found at <http://www.taanforest.com/index.php?page=protecting-our-land> (click on FSC Management Plan).

To obtain access to the Corporate Management System, please contact info@taanforest.com.

All individuals, corporations or partnerships who provide direction to workers or contractors who work or operate on Taan's licence areas will be required to maintain a health and safety program (equivalent to the BC Forest Safety Council requirements) designed to prevent accidents involving the contractor's workforce.

All tender information provided for this contract is subject to change. Any changes will be posted on this site before the closing date. It is the applicant's responsibility to revisit this site to stay abreast of any changes that may affect their bid.

Depending on the success of this program, there is the potential for further opportunity within other areas of Taan's tenures.

Details:

Location:	Louise Island
Estimated Harvest Area (ha):	50 ha +/-
Estimated Harvest Volume (m ³):	25,000+/-
Species Requirement	Minimum 50% Alder
Contract Term:	up to 2 years (or as agreed to by both parties)
Payable to Taan:	
Upset Stumpage/Royalty	\$8.74/m ³ , includes reforestation costs, road use costs, sort use costs certification costs
Stumpage	TBD/m ³ with appraisal submission
Bonus Bid	TBD/m ³ Submitted with propopsal
Residue Charges	Stumpage X Waste left on site
Deposit	\$15,925.00 at time of contract signing and must be maintained for life of contract

Bidding Eligibility: Bidder must own or lease one or more processing facilities within the Haida Gwaii Forest District, where by a processing facility means a facility that processes:

- (a) timber or wood residue or both,
- (b) products produced from timber or wood residue or both, or
- (c) products under both paragraphs (a) and (b).

Deadline for Submission: March 7, 2013 at 11:15 a.m.

Closing Location: Applications will be accepted by the Haida Gwaii District Office, attention: Tyler Peet. Applications must be submitted in a sealed container marked "APPLICATION AND TENDER FOR TAAN FOREST ALDER OPPORTUNITY" and must be received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, District Manager, Haida Gwaii District, PO Box 39, Queen Charlotte, BC V0T 1S0. Proposals received after the deadline for the specified license will not be accepted.

Submission Requirements:

- Evidence of Bidding Eligibility including engineering, planning and mapping capabilities, processing facility location and capabilities, full phase harvesting capabilities including scaling, sorting, booming and barging
- Evidence of ownership or lease of processing facilities(y) within the Haida Gwaii Forest District including legal proof of ownership or lease, name of facility, location of facility, processing capabilities for alder and conifer species, daily production capabilities (FBM / day) and employees per shift
- A 1:20,000 map of the general area on Louise Island of proposed alder block engineering and harvesting
- Rates, including bonus bid, upset stumpage/royalty, and deposit amount
- Description of commitment to local employment
- References

Proposals will be evaluated based on ability to complete (based on past work history) and carry out the works (40%), commitment to local employment (40%) and bonus bid (20%).

Overview maps and general Contract particulars can be picked up at the Taan Office located at the Skidegate Commercial Center or can be found on Taan's Website www.taanforest.com under contract opportunities <http://www.taanforest.com/index.php?page=contract-opportunities>.

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