



Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation

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The Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation (AVCFC) is the corporate entity entrusted to operate the Alberni Valley Community Forest. The Licence Holder is the City of Port Alberni. The AVCFC is administered by a local Board of Directors and managed by a local Contract Manager.

The AVCFC is seeking proposals from B.C. entities interested in presenting their vision for the sale of forest products from the Community Forest Lands. The AVCFC and its Board has a mandate to manage this tenure in a way that is both economically sustainable and provides positive benefits to the community. These benefits include water quality, recreation, local employment, local use of forest products and non timber forests products while maintaining a high level of forest stewardship.

The AVCFC is requesting interested parties to present proposals to market/and or harvest approximately 20,000m³ of wood by December of 2011. Proposals need not include a harvesting component. The AVCFC is currently engineering blocks and road development and expect to have approved Cutting Permits by the end of July. We will post some sample cruise information for blocks planned for this year's harvest on the website when it becomes available.

Your proposal should include the following:

1. Method to be used to market the timber.
2. Expected destination or customers for the logs produced.
3. Access to or relationships with competent and experienced, BC Safe Certified logging contractors for the time frames proposed if you propose to undertake both harvesting and marketing.
4. Any financial information you wish to share such as:
 - marketing fees if you propose this method
 - estimates of net returns for timber based on the information provided and current markets
5. The expertise and benefits your company can provide to ensure the maximum financial benefit to the AVCFC while ensuring its mandates are met.
6. Methods and assurances on how your company could meet the goals of the AVCFC regarding:
 - high levels of local employment
 - maximum utilization of wood within Port Alberni, on Vancouver Island and within B.C.
7. Any other information you wish to provide, i.e. references etc.

The Manager of the AVCFC, Shawn Flynn, R.P.F., will be happy to discuss your proposal, answer any questions or provide clarification if required. Shawn can be reached by email at manager@communityforest.ca or by phoning (250)731-7377.

We encourage you to present your proposal via email (manager@communityforest.ca) so that the Board of the AVCFC can evaluate it. Please visit the AVCFC website at www.communityforest.ca for more information.

The AVCFC makes no commitments as a result of this Request for Proposal and may, as a result of submissions received, accept or reject a proposal at their sole discretion. Based on the proposals received, the AVCFC may issue a formal timber sale style standing sale for all or part of this year's approved Cutting Permit volume.