



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Industrial Matching Grant Program for Universities, Colleges and Consultants

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The Program

Geoscience BC is an innovative and applied geoscience centre dedicated to the collection, interpretation, and marketing of geoscience expertise, information, and products for British Columbia. In support of this directive, Geoscience BC is pleased to issue a request for applied research proposals from universities, colleges and consultants under an industrial matching grant program.

In this program, Geoscience BC will match industry contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis for applied research projects recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee and approved by the Board. Proposals that will be considered should be of an applied and innovative nature and relate to the geology, mineral deposits, metallogeny, or hydrocarbon deposits or potential of British Columbia; or address an exploration method or technique that will enhance exploration success in British Columbia. We encourage proposals that relate to the hydrocarbon potential of BC's interior basins. Preference will be given to proposals that clearly demonstrate the potential application to exploration in BC and are most likely to attract matching industry dollars, and more importantly, future exploration investment in BC.

Geoscience BC will only provide funds to match industry contributions. Industry funds do not need to be secured at the time the proposal is submitted. However if funds have not been secured, Geoscience BC will require letter(s) of support from industry indicating they will support the project if approved. Funds will not be paid out by Geoscience BC until matching industry funds are secured. Approved projects that are unable to secure industry support within 6 months of approval will be rejected.

Eligibility

Proposals will be accepted from individuals or teams working at a university or college, or from individuals or teams of individuals working as private consultants. Geoscience BC will not accept proposals from public companies or from contracting or consulting firms.

Eligible industry support includes cash and in-kind support. At least 65% of the industry support should be in cash. In-kind support must be relevant and directly applicable to the proposed project, such as camp costs, analytical costs or summer graduate student employment. In-kind contributions will be scrutinized by Geoscience BC for their relevance, value and applicability before being accepted.

Submission

Persons wishing to make a submission under this request for proposals should submit a five to ten page proposal prepared using the "Industrial Matching Grant Submission Guidelines" and the "Proposal Budget Template" available for download from the geoscience BC website (www.geosciencebc.com).

Please submit your proposal via email in MS Word or PDF format to Robert Stevens, Interim Executive Director, at rstevens@geosciencebc.com by **noon on December 05, 2005**.