



Submission Guidelines

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Geoscience to Stimulate Exploration Activity in British Columbia: Focus on the Mineral and Oil and Gas Potential of Central B.C.

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Submission Guidelines for Geoscience BC's Request for Proposals March, 2006

Proposal Submission

Persons (the proponents) wishing to make a submission under this request for proposals (RFP) should prepare a five to ten page proposal that includes the items listed below. Any costs or fees associated with preparing a proposal under this call shall be at the expense of the proponent.

Please submit your proposal via email in MS Word or PDF format to Geoscience BC, at proposals@geosciencebc.com by **noon on April 05, 2006**.

Please include the following information in your submission:

- Project executive summary.
- Detailed project description that clearly outlines the objectives, methods, expected outcomes and key deliverables. The description must demonstrate that the project is scientifically sound, technically feasible and of an applied and innovative nature. It should also indicate how the project relates to other recent or on-going research by the proponents, other researchers or provincial or federal agencies (such as the BCGS or GSC). Include appropriate references as necessary.
- Index or location map, at the appropriate scale, that shows the location of the project relative to towns, cities, roads or other cultural features (particularly parks and protected areas). This map must show NTS map boundaries and numbers.
- Other maps, illustrations, and photographs as required to fully describe the project.
- QA/QC procedures that will be employed, if relevant.
- Dates for completion of the various parts of the proposed project.
- Description of the key personnel involved in the project including their experience with related projects, their credentials and professional affiliation and any relevant publications. The experience of the proponents with obtaining matching industry funds, or NSERC industrial research funds should be outlined. In addition, outline any training aspects to the project. All persons or organizations that will play a key roll in the project must be identified in the proposal.
- Letter(s) from industry or other sources of matching funds indicating their willingness to support the project if approved and the level of support anticipated.
- Detailed budget (see below).

Budget Details

A detailed budget must be submitted using Geoscience BC's "Proposal Budget Template" available at www.geosciencebc.com. As your project progresses, you will need to use this template to report your actual expenditures to Geoscience BC. This will allow for easy comparison between the proposed budget and actual expenditures. Please add lines as necessary to properly complete your budget (e.g. If there are multiple personnel at different rates of pay, add a line for each group)

In addition, please note the following information:

- Outline a complete budget for the project that includes the funding requested from Geoscience BC and any matching the funding that has been secured, or will be requested from other sources. Components of the proposed project do not need to be separated out as to the source of funds, unless matching or Geoscience BC funds will be specifically directed to a certain part of the project budget.
- Geoscience BC reserves the right to approve a smaller budget than submitted in the proposal.
- Geoscience BC will accept a maximum 10% overhead fee for universities and colleges.
- It is expected that proposals will come with supporting funding from the proponent's organization in the form of salaries, laboratory facilities, computer resources, student stipends, equipment, logistics, etc. Proposals with a high level of supportive funding are looked upon favourably.
- It is further expected that, if eligible, approved projects from universities and colleges will apply for matching NSERC grants through NSERC's Cooperative Research and Development (CRD) program or other related programs.

Selection

Proposal selection will be made by Geoscience BC's management and Board of Directors based on review and recommendations by its Technical Advisory Committee.

Geoscience BC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals received.

Information on successful proposals will be published on Geoscience BC's website.

Proposal reviews will focus on the following:

- **Technical Quality** – Is the project technically sound and well defined with clearly articulated objectives? Is it feasible? Is it innovative?
- **Industrial relevance** – Does the project demonstrate an application to exploration for minerals or oil and gas in BC? Is it likely to result in increased investment in exploration? Is the project supported by matching industry funds?
- **Personnel** – Do the proponents have the experience and qualifications to complete the project? Have previous projects been completed and delivered in a timely manner? Are there any training aspects to the project?

- **Budget** – Is the budget well defined and competitive? Is it realistic? Has the project generated supportive funding?

In addition, in the Spring 2006 RFP, Geoscience BC is placing a priority on the following geoscience activities:

- assessment of the oil and gas potential of the Nechako Basin in the Interior Plateau region of south-central BC
- enhanced geological understanding of mineral potential of central BC
- geochemical and geophysical exploration technology development to overcome the challenge of volcanic and glacial cover in central BC
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Priority areas for proposals include NTS map sheet numbers: 92 I, O, P; 93 A, west half; 93 B, C, F, G, J, K, L; and 93 N, O south half. In addition, preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate involvement of students, First Nations and local communities.

About Geoscience BC

Geoscience BC is an innovative and applied geoscience centre dedicated to the collection, interpretation, and marketing of geoscience expertise, information, and products to the benefit of all British Columbians. Our mandate is to attract investment in the mineral and oil and gas industries in BC through applied geoscience work. Geoscience BC supports industry partnerships and cost-sharing in data acquisition as well as public disclosure of all data that is collected.

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