



## GENERAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2009

### ***Minerals Geoscience to Stimulate Exploration Activity in British Columbia***

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## *Geoscience to Stimulate Exploration Activity in British Columbia*

Due: September 28, 2009 (noon)

In support of our mandate to undertake geoscience to attract exploration investment to BC, Geoscience BC is pleased to issue this request for proposals (RFP) for applied geoscience projects. We encourage proposal submissions from industry, academia, government, First Nations, communities or not-for profit organizations for geoscience projects related to mineral exploration in BC.

### **Considerations:**

Proposals that will be considered should be of an applied and innovative nature and relate to geology, mineral deposits or metallogeny of BC, or address an exploration method or technique that will enhance exploration interest and success in BC.

Projects should **clearly demonstrate the potential application to exploration in BC**, and more importantly, future exploration investment in BC. Preference will be given to proposals that incorporate matching funding from industry.

**Proposals focused on a deposit or property of a specific company must demonstrate a wider significance to the region, deposit type and/or to other companies in the area to be considered.** Industry partners may negotiate exclusive access to the data for an appropriate amount of time prior to the data being released into the public domain.

In addition, proponents are encouraged to support student projects, or involve First Nations or local community expertise (e.g. prospectors, local contractors, etc.) in their proposal.

Funding for proposals will be considered at all levels; however, proposals requesting more than \$200,000 from Geoscience BC will be required to demonstrate both high technical merit and exceptional value to mineral exploration in BC. Proposals related to mineral exploration in any area of BC will be considered.

Geoscience BC will only consider funding projects that will be completed on or before **March 31, 2011**.

For more information, please refer to Appendix A: Proposal Guidelines.

### **Eligibility:**

Proposals will be accepted from individuals or teams working with industry, private consultants, universities or colleges, First Nations or government, communities or not-for-profit agencies.

### **Current Geoscience BC Projects:**

Proposals requesting additional funding for a current Geoscience BC Project are asked to notify Geoscience BC well ahead of the proposal deadline, and to include an up to date statement of expenditures for the existing project.

**Submission:**

Persons or organizations wishing to make a submission under this RFP should submit a **maximum** 10 page proposal (including budget) describing the aim and scope of their project, reasons why the proposed work will attract mineral exploration investment to BC, personnel involved, an estimate of the total budget, and a summary of project deliverables and timing. Information on proposal guidelines and required budget template for an RFP can be found in Appendix A.

RFP's should be delivered, via email in MS Word or PDF format to Geoscience BC at [proposals@geosciencebc.com](mailto:proposals@geosciencebc.com) by **noon on September 28, 2009**. All proposal proponents (successful or otherwise) will be notified in December 2009.

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## APPENDIX A: PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

### **Proposal Submission**

Persons (the proponents) wishing to make a submission under this request for proposals (RFP) should prepare a **maximum** ten page proposal that includes the items listed below. Any pages past the 10 page limit will be disregarded and not submitted for review. 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](mailto:proposals@geosciencebc.com) by **noon on September 28, 2009**.

*Please include the following **required** information in your submission:*

- 1) Project executive summary and the relevance of the project to Geoscience BC's mandate and the project goal of stimulating mineral exploration in British Columbia.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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. Include appropriate references as necessary.
- 4) Description of the key personnel involved in the project including their experience with related projects, their credentials and professional affiliation and any relevant publications. All persons or organizations that will play a key roll in the project must be identified in the proposal.
- 5) Dates for completion of the various parts of the proposed project. **Note:** All final deliverables for the proposed project must be submitted to Geoscience BC on or before March 31, 2011.
- 6) Detailed budget using the provided template (see below).

*The following information is recommended to be included in your submission, if applicable:*

- 1) Other maps, illustrations, and photographs as required to fully describe the project.
- 2) QA/QC procedures that will be employed.
- 3) The details of any training aspects to the project.
- 4) 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.

## Deliverables

In addition to any final project deliverables specified by the proponent, Geoscience BC requires that each funded project submit the following interim deliverables **annually** (until the project is complete):

- A poster for display at the Mineral Exploration Roundup in Vancouver each January
- An article for Geoscience BC's Summary of Activities (submission deadline in mid-October)

## Budget Details

A detailed budget **must** be submitted using Geoscience BC's "Proposal Budget Template" available at <http://www.geosciencebc.com/s/RequestsforProposals.asp?ReportID=356459>. 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 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 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 does not pay overhead.
- 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.

## Selection

Proposal selection will be made by Geoscience BC's Technical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

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 mineral exploration 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?
- **Completion Date** – Will the project be completed on or before March 31, 2011?

For more information on submission guidelines, please contact:

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## **APPENDIX B: PROJECT AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

All successful proponents are required to enter into a Project Agreement with Geoscience BC. The terms and conditions required by Geoscience BC can be found on the following webpage: <http://www.geosciencebc.com/s/RequestsforProposals.asp?ReportID=356459>. Any questions or concerns regarding these agreements should be directed towards Christa Sluggett, Project Geologist and Communications Coordinator.