

Geoscience BC

Request for Proposals

Regional Geochemical Survey

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1.0 The Program

Geoscience BC's mandate is to collect, interpret and deliver geoscience data and expertise, with the goal of promoting investment in resource exploration and development in British Columbia. To this end, Geoscience BC is requesting proposals to undertake regional geochemical surveys over the parts of NTS map sheets 93C, 82N and 83D which lie in BC and outside of parks (Figure 1). RGS surveys have a history of success in BC and targets generated by these surveys are well known to generate grass-roots exploration activity that lead to mineral deposit discoveries. NTS maps sheets 93C, 82N and 83D are some of the few remaining areas in the province without RGS coverage. Coverage of NTS 93C will complete the RGS surveys in the interior of the province and will provide new geochemical information for the beetle kill area (completion of NTS 93F is currently underway through a Geoscience BC funded project). Coverage of 82N and 83D will complete the first of what is expected to be a series of Geoscience BC funded projects to complete RGS coverage across eastern BC's Cordilleran region.

2.0 Proposal Submission

Persons or organizations (the proponents) wishing to bid on the completion of one or more of these surveys should send a five to ten page proposal that includes the items listed below. Each proponent may submit a proposal for one, two or all three of the map areas. Where more than one area is included in the proposal, please provide separate budget and sample information for each area. 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 Robert Stevens, Interim Executive Director by noon on July 25, 2005 to rstevens@geosciencebc.com.

Submission information:

- Project executive summary
- A detailed project description that includes an outline of proposed sample mediums, sample density and number of samples and an outline of the collection, preparation and analytical methods that will be used. These surveys are expected to be completed using the standards and specifications established for RGS and NGR surveys by the Geological Survey of Canada and the BC Geological Survey (standards are available for download from Geoscience BC's website: www.geosciencebc.com). Sample locations should not lie within a local, regional, provincial or federal park or outside of British Columbia.
- QA/QC procedures that will be employed including sample duplicates and standards.
- Dates for completion of the survey (the field component of the survey should be completed by mid-fall 2005).
- Key personnel and subcontracts and their experience with conducting RGS or other similar types of surveys. All persons or organizations that will play a key

- roll in the survey must be identified in the proposal. Please include the credentials and professional affiliation of the key personnel.
- A statement that indicates that the deliverables listed below will be provided to Geoscience BC in the timelines specified.
 - A detailed budget using Geoscience BC's budget template (available for download from Geoscience BC's website: 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 employees at different rates of pay, add a line for each group of employees).

3.0 Selection

Selection will be made by Geoscience BC management and Board of Directors based on review and recommendations by the Technical Advisory Committee. Review will focus on the thoroughness and competitiveness of the bids received with particular attention paid to the details of the budget and the personnel involved. The proposals must demonstrate that the proponents have experience, knowledge and capacity to undertake a large and complex survey within a competitive budget.

Geoscience BC reserves the right to accept one proposal, multiple proposals or to reject all proposals received. Geoscience BC also reserves the right to accept only part of a proposal, if more than one map area is included in the proposal.

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

4.0 Deliverables

- 1) *Report on Field Activities* - All projects are required to produce a technical report that will be published in a "Geological Fieldwork" publication jointly sponsored by Geoscience BC and the BC Geological Survey. Projects are expected to publish either full results of their programs or a shorter report of activities and the status of the project work. Manuscripts will be required to conform to established publication standards of the BC Geological Survey.
- 2) *Digital data for Map Place* – All data produced from this project must be provided in a format that allows it to be integrated into the BC Ministry of Energy and Mines' Map Place website.
- 3) *Progress report* – A one page technical progress report is required to receive the second payment (see 5.1).
- 4) *Poster Presentation at Roundup 2006* – All projects are required to prepare a poster presentation for display at Round 2006 in late January 2006.
- 5) *Final Project Deliverables* – RGS/NGR style hard copy and digital data package delivered to Geoscience BC by March 31, 2006. In addition, all remaining

sediment material, after analysis, should be submitted to Ray Lett of the BC Geological Survey for archiving.

5.0 Terms and Conditions for Successful Proposals

5.1 Payment

Payment will be made in three tranches;

1. 75% upon execution of an agreement with the successful proponent(s),
2. 15% upon completion of the field component of the project and submission of a one page technical progress report and a statement of expenditures to date using Geoscience BC's budget template, and
3. 10% upon receipt of all project deliverables and a final statement of expenditures using Geoscience BC's budget template.

Payment will be made by cheque to an organization or individual (the "payee") specified by the principle proponent. The principle proponent will be responsible for managing the expenditures of funds for this project and will be responsible for all financial reporting required or requested by Geoscience BC. Proponents should identify the payee on their proposal.

5.2 Financial Information and Audit

A statement of expenditures from the proponent using Geoscience BC's budget template is required at two stages:

1. A statement of expenditures to date must be submitted before the second payment is made.
2. A final statement of expenditures must be submitted along with final project deliverables before the final payment is made.

The statements must be signed by the principle proponent.

Geoscience BC reserves the right to audit expenses or receive copies of invoices, where appropriate, including those of any non-arm's length parties that will incur expenses on behalf of the proponent. The proponent will ensure that supporting documentation, in relation to all payments, is maintained during the term of the work and for a period of 6 years after the work had been completed.

5.3 Tax Remittances and GST

The proponent alone, and not Geoscience BC, is responsible for honouring and paying all contracts it enters into for the purpose of carrying out the work to be funded and for remitting as and when required all applicable income tax source deductions, EI and CPP premiums to CRA for salaried employees hired to perform work, as well as all premiums due the Workers Compensation Board for these employees.

Funding for this project does not include GST, as Geoscience BC does not consider the funding provided to comprise a 'Taxable Supply' under the Excise Tax Act. Geoscience

BC considers funding to be exclusive of GST to the extent that the proponent is entitled to claim input tax credits or rebates in respect to their expenditure of these monies. If GST paid is included as an expense under this grant, the proponent will provide Geoscience BC with a detailed breakdown of these amounts together with an explanation as why they were not claimed as input tax credits or GST rebates.

5.4 Completion Under Budget

If the project is completed under budget any remaining funds must be returned to Geoscience BC within 2 weeks of the completion of the project.

5.5 Insurance coverage

The proponent will ensure that adequate insurance coverage is maintained, or indemnities are received, on all individuals and contractors assisting in completion of the work program.

5.6 Limitation of Liability

Geoscience BC assumes no liability for loss, injury or damage suffered or caused as a result of any of the work funded by Geoscience BC.

5.7 Intellectual Property Rights

Geoscience BC will be the owner of the intellectual property rights, including patent, copyright, trademark, industrial design and trade secrets in any product developed through a Geoscience BC funded project. Licensing and marketing rights to the developed product will not be granted. If, in the future, Geoscience BC elects to commercialize the developed product, the licensing and marketing rights will be negotiated separately.

5.8 Confidentiality

All details relating to the RGS surveys, including sample types and locations, will remain confidential and must not be released or the results discussed until such time as the information is released by Geoscience BC, or you receive approval in writing from Geoscience BC that information can be released.

5.9 Disclosure of conflicts

Proponents are required to complete a statement that outlines any potential conflicts in relation to the project. Any interests in properties or contractors which may be providing services to the survey are to be disclosed. Where the proponent is comprised of multiple persons, or corporations, each must complete a statement.

5.10 Staking of properties

The proponent and any parties associated with the project will not stake, or acquire an interest in any mineral property, located within the project area. The proponent will not acquire shares, or options to acquire shares in any company which owns properties within the project area. Any existing interests in properties or shareholdings should be disclosed as per section 5.9.

5.11 Lifting of restriction

The staking and share ownership restriction will remain in effect until one week after Geoscience BC releases the results from the RGS survey.

5.12 Lack of Performance

In the event that a project is not completed, or unable to be completed due to unforeseen challenges, weather etc., Geoscience BC must be notified immediately. Consideration will be given to rescheduling but failing an adequate arrangement approved by Geoscience BC, all unused funds must be returned. In addition, a detailed report outlining the lack of performance against the named project must be provided to Geoscience BC within 4 weeks of the notification of default. Geoscience BC retains the right to request the return of all funds advanced to undertake the project.

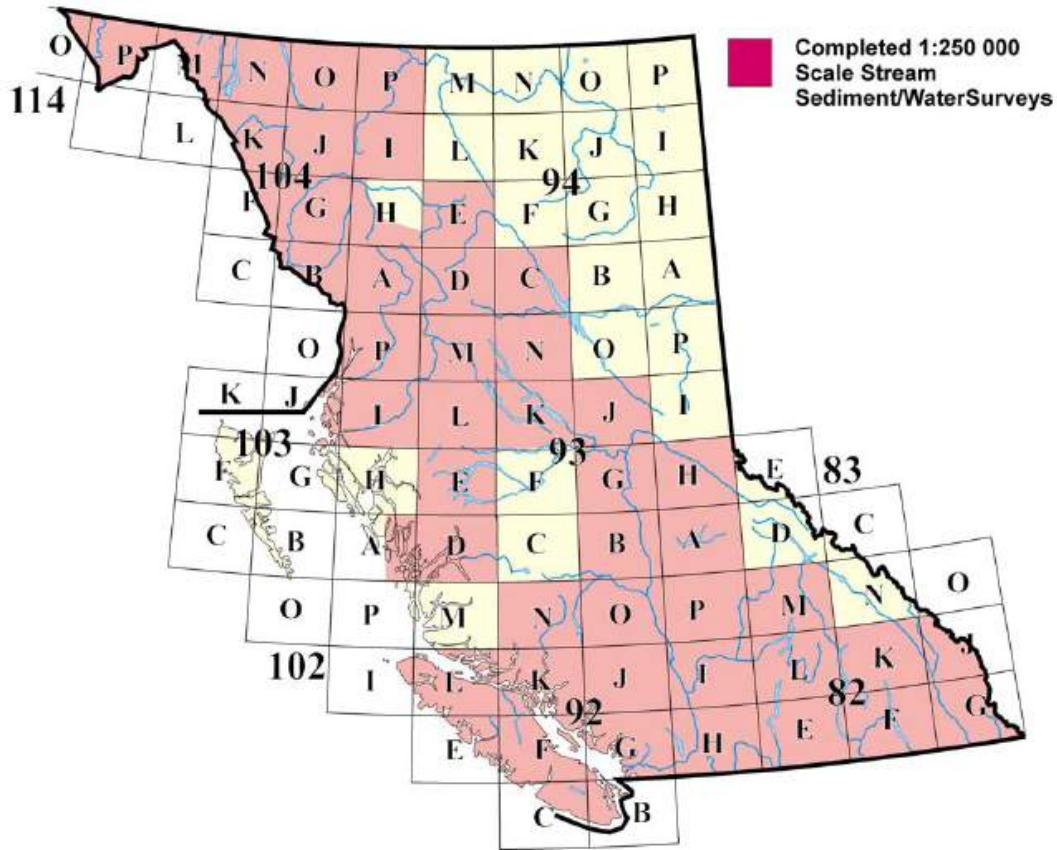


Figure 1: NTS Map Sheets of BC showing completed RGS surveys