Request for Proposals

Analysis and Follow-up of QUEST Project Geoscience Data

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Geoscience BC is an innovative and applied geoscience centre dedicated to the collection, interpretation, and marketing of geoscience expertise, information, and products to attract exploration investment to BC.

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Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as is practical however a deadline of noon (Pacific) on September 26th, 2008 is the final date for submissions to be considered. Proposals will be evaluated as they are received, and multiple proposals may be accepted. If the monies available for this RFP are allocated before the closing deadline, then no more proposals will be considered, irrespective of the date of submission.

If no suitable proposals are received, no project funds will be awarded.

In support of its mandate to undertake geoscience to attract exploration investment to BC, Geoscience BC is pleased to issue this request for proposals (RFP) for projects to analyze geoscience data acquired in the Geoscience BC QUEST Project area. Submissions from industry, academia, government, First Nations, communities or not-for profit organizations are welcome.

The QUEST Project geoscience data to be analyzed comprises geochemical data, airborne Helicopter TEM and magnetic data, and airborne gravity data collected by the GBC QUEST Project. Combined with the pre-existing data such as geology, geochemistry, geophysics, etc. available from a variety of sources such as government (i.e. British Columbia Geological Survey, Geological Survey of Canada), industry, academic and other archival sources, this represents an immense data set that is ideal for data mining.

Proposals may address a specific area of interest, or may be quite general in scope.

Topics of work that Geoscience BC would like to see addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Integration of the new data with existing publicly-available or industry-available geoscience data, including the existing magnetic, geologic, and topographic data sets.
- Analysis of the data to increase its usefulness, for example, inversion of the airborne electromagnetic data, airborne gravity data, pre-existing aeromagnetic data, or the joint analysis of these data sets to infer depth of cover, bedrock geology, or features of interest.
- Statistical analysis of the geochemical data to identify favourable target areas, or other geological information. Geoscience BC encourages project applicants to consider the information content in the full analytical suite of elements provided in the data, perhaps in conjunction with the other data sets available.
- Projects that "database" and display the data in innovative and useful ways. These might consider how to make available, to the general (i.e. potentially non-technical) user, the results of inversion or statistical analysis of the data.
- Ground-truthing or interpretation of the geophysical and / or the geochemical data, particularly in areas of cover, to aid the exploration community in the use of the data.
- Integration and interpretation of the regional data provided by the QUEST Project to create an interpreted geology map in areas covered by glacial drift.
- Production of mineral prospectivity maps for different deposit types within the QUEST Project area.
- Other projects, which complement and add value to the available QUEST Project data sets.

Applicants are expected to review the motivations for the QUEST Project, and to formulate their proposals as follow-up projects within the larger framework of the Geoscience BC QUEST Project.

Co-funding of projects from industry or other agencies is encouraged.

Applicants are expected to have the necessary capabilities to complete the projects submitted within the scope set out and within the schedule defined in partnership with Geoscience BC. However, project applicants will also be expected to maintain an open atmosphere of cooperation with Geoscience BC staff and technical advisors during the execution of accepted projects. Geoscience BC personnel will be available to project applicants during the execution of the projects and will be able to provide ongoing advice and review of projects on request. If project applicants expect to have significant interaction with Geoscience BC personnel during the execution of a project, this should be highlighted in the project application. This request will not be considered negatively during the evaluation of projects by Geoscience BC.

Considerations:

Projects will be considered on their technical merit and their likelihood of success, and on the potential for the project to add value to the QUEST data sets in addition to the proposed cost of the project.

A primary consideration is that each proposal be directed to increasing the usefulness of the new data acquired by Geoscience BC during the QUEST Project - either through analysis or integration of the data to increase its value to the exploration community, or through targeted follow-up to address specific questions of interest raised by the new data.

Projects should **clearly demonstrate their application to exploration in the QUEST Project area**, and in particular how they will encourage future exploration investment in BC. 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 providing significant co-funding may negotiate exclusive access to the project results for some limited period of time prior to the results being released into the public domain.

Each proposal should contain an education or demonstration component that will encourage the technology transfer of project results to the exploration community. Geoscience BC expects that the results from accepted proposals will be presented at industry conferences such as Roundup, PDAC, KEG, or other conferences well attended by the exploration community. Geoscience BC encourages proponents to include the funding necessary to complete the educational and technology transfer component of their projects in the proposal.

Funding for proposals will be considered at all levels. However, proposals requesting more than $50,000 from Geoscience BC will be required to demonstrate exceptional value and may be staged. The decision to fund proposals larger than $50,000 may be delayed by a more extensive review process than that required for projects below this threshold.

Projects must be organized to produce significant results within one (1) year. Staged projects that extend over periods longer than one (1) year will be reviewed annually. If Geoscience BC considers projects are not advancing as expected then funding will not be continued into subsequent years. Applicants must accept that funding for QUEST Project follow-up projects will be re-assessed on a yearly basis and are not guaranteed.

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. Experts in relevant fields, worldwide are encouraged to submit proposals.

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 investment to BC (particularly the QUEST Project area), personnel involved, an estimate of the total budget, and a summary of project deliverables and timing. The submission guidelines and required budget template for an RFP can be found at www.geosciencebc.com/s/RequestsforProposals.asp?ReportID=314221.

RFP's should be delivered, via email in MS Word or PDF format to Geoscience BC at proposals@geosciencebc.com by **noon on September 26th 2008.**

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