



GENERAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2008:

Submission Guidelines

Geoscience to Stimulate Exploration Activity in British Columbia

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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. Letters of support for the project will not count towards the page limit. 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 October 24, 2008**.

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

- 1) Project executive summary and the relevance of the project to Geoscience BC's mandate.
- 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 (such as the BCGS or GSC). 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.
- 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 experience of the proponents with obtaining matching industry funds, or NSERC industrial research funds.
- 4) The details of any training aspects to the project.
- 5) 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.

Budget Details

A detailed budget **must** be submitted using Geoscience BC's "Proposal Budget Template" available at www.geosciencebc.com/s/RequestsforProposals.asp. 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 favorably.
- Geoscience BC funding does not cover the purchase of computers.

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. Proposals will be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committees and Geoscience BC's Board of Directors in November and December 2008. All proponents (successful or otherwise) will be notified regarding funding decisions in mid-January 2009.

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?

Current Geoscience BC Projects

Current Geoscience BC proponents requesting additional funding for an existing Geoscience BC project should notify Geoscience BC well ahead of the proposal deadline. Please include in your proposal a current statement of expenditures for the existing project, and rationale as to why the project should be extended. Project extensions will be considered alongside new proposals, and not given special consideration.

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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